

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

September 26, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

To ensure everyone's safety, please observe the following guidelines. We will continue to follow the latest recommendations and monitor our local public health situation, and will revise these guidelines as needed:

- **Masks are required for all attending indoor services and events, regardless of vaccination status.**
- **Practice social distancing (at least 3 feet) with members of other households.** We have opened up some additional pews in anticipation of higher attendance now that the program year has begun, but ask that you continue to maintain space between households.
- **Greet one another from a distance** with a nod, wave, peace sign, etc.
- **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.

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 in this bulletin and in the blue hymnals in each pew.

If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out one of the pew cards and put it in the offering box or hand it to an usher or one of our clergy. Or fill out our online newcomer form at sjparish.net/newcomer-form.

Our ushers are here to 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. They have hearing assist devices available for those who need them. We're glad you're here!

Children are always welcome to be in church with their families. We encourage you to sit up front, as they will be more engaged if they can see and hear what's going on. Children are welcome here just as they are; please don't feel you must leave every time your little one makes a sound! We have children's bulletins, books, and other quiet activities available in the narthex (the entrance with the red doors) for children's use during the service. A nursery staffed by high school students is available on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon; it also has a changing table and rocking chair for parents to use. Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday for all ages.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Two Pieces:
 Clarinada
 When Breaks the Dawn

João W. Faustini (b. 1931)



Born in Bariri, São Paulo, Brazil, João Wilson Faustini is a Presbyterian pastor, choir director, organist, singer, composer, translator, arranger, and publisher of the largest collection of sacred music in the Portuguese language. He holds degrees from Westminster Choir College, Union Theological Seminary, and Princeton University. From 1982 to 1996, he was pastor at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Newark, the oldest Brazilian Presbyterian Church in the USA.

THE OPENING HYMN 657 Love divine, all loves excelling
All stand and sing.

HYFRYDOL

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 SONG OF PRAISE Dignus es

Benjamin Straley (b. 1986)

The refrain is introduced by the choir, then all repeat. The choir sings the verses, and all join in the refrain.



Splen-dor and hon-or and king-ly power are yours by right, O Lord our God.

For you created every thing that is,
 and by your will they were created and have their being; **Refrain**
 And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
 for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
 From every family, language, people, and nation,
 a kingdom of priests to serve our God. **Refrain**
 And so, to him who sits upon the throne,
 and to Christ the Lamb,
 Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,
 for ever and for evermore. **Refrain**

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Numbers 11:4–6,10–16,24–29

All sit.

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.” Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to

the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19:7-14

Plainchant, mode VIII.1

Sung by the choir, with the people singing the antiphon as indicated.



- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleans me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

James 5:13–20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

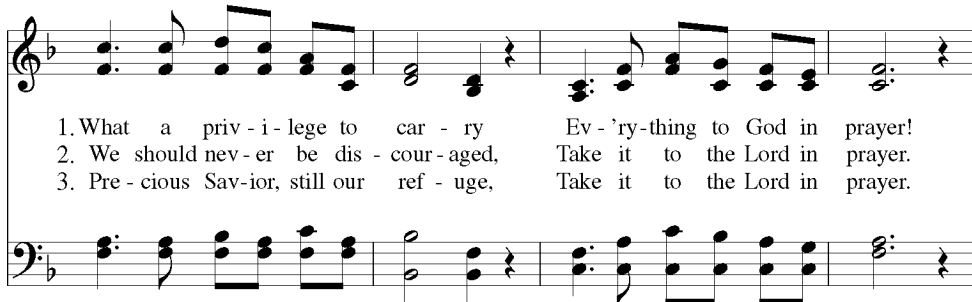
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN What a friend we have in Jesus

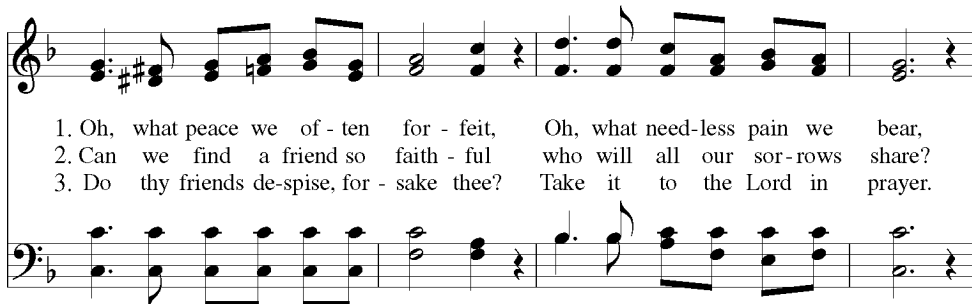
CONVERSE

All stand and sing.


1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



1. What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 2. We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 3. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear,
 2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 3. Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 2. Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 3. In his arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

Words: Joseph Scriven (1819-1866)
 Music: Charles C. Converse (1832-1918)

THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

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

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were

thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

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.

Gathered in the Spirit of God, let us pray for all the needs of the world.

For the Church, especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; and our parish clergy, that we may respond to the gift of the Spirit by serving others with compassion and walking in the ways of truth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the people of St. John's, that we may each use our unique gifts and opportunities to share God's love through words and deeds of healing, hospitality, and welcome. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our leaders, that they will use their resources to care for the vulnerable and promote peace among all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants, especially those from Haiti and Afghanistan, that God will give them courage as they seek lives free from violence and danger, and that they may find a welcome at their journey's end. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all those in desperate need, the little ones, the weak, and the vulnerable, and for those in need of our prayers, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may know the comfort of God's saving help. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, especially Barbara Abbott and Mary Bierwirth, that as they have served Christ in others, so they may live with Christ for ever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant God of healing and salvation, hear the prayers we offer this day, and send us your Spirit, that we may know your love, grow in faith, and serve your creation in grateful humility, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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 I will sing of thy great mercies

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

*From the oratorio St. Paul**Sung by the Youth Choir*

I will sing of Thy great mercies, O Lord, and of Thy faithfulness evermore, my Savior.

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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are
 full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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 FRACTION ANTHEM Be known to us, Lord Jesus Gary James (b. 1957)

The refrain is introduced by the choir, then all repeat. The choir sings the verses, and all join in the refrain.



The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. **Refrain**
 One body are we, alleluia, for though many, we share one bread. **Refrain**

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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 COMMUNION ANTHEM The Road Home

Stephen Paulus (1949–2014)

Text by Michael Dennis Browne
 Sung by the Youth Choir and Schola

Tell me where is the road I can call my own,
 That I left, that I lost, so long ago?
 All these years I have wandered, oh, when will I know
 There's a way, there's a road that will lead me home?

After wind, after rain, when the dark is done,
 As I wake from a dream in the gold of day
 Through the air there's a calling from far away,
 There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.

Rise up. follow me, come away is the call,
 With love in your heart as the only song;
 There is no such beauty where you belong,
 Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.



Stephen Paulus was a prolific composer of classical music. His music continues to be frequently performed and described by critics as rugged, angular, lyrical, lean, rhythmically aggressive, original, often gorgeous, moving, and uniquely American. The New Yorker characterizes his music as having "impeccable technique and well-honed audience appeal," while The New York Times says "Mr. Paulus often finds melodic patterns that are fresh and familiar at the same time...His scoring is invariably expert and exceptionally imaginative in textures and use of instruments."

THE COMMUNION HYMN 309 O food to pilgrims given

O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN

All remain seated and sing.

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

SICILIAN MARINERS

All sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Postlude on *Sicilian Mariners*, 2018

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

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

The St. John's Youth Choir & Schola

Organist & Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Organ Scholar: Ted Babbitt

Acolytes: Dawson Biondi, Elise Biondi, Isabel Grant

Ushers: Laura Roche, Wes Winterbottom

Livestream Oversight: Francis Lamlein

Altar Guild: Buffy Ineson

Nursery Staff: Abby Thaxton, Caroline Thaxton

Sunday School Teachers: Ginger Gillespie, Akilah Williams, Leah Lorenzo, Colin Gillespie

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of James Elliot Cabot Walker, Elwyn Brooks, Donald Gavin, and Robert E. Mueller.

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

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Lindsey Carlisle	Eleanor Wilcox
Tony Erdman	John Brunjes
Manny Aguiar	Jennifer Evans
Gus Murchie	Jake Giuliano
Mary Bainbridge	Alexander Thaxton

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

June & Emmy Aziz
Ginger & James Manise
Buffy & John Ineson

Those who have died:

Mary Bierwirth, *cousin of Kate Eikel*
Barbara Abbott, *member of St. John's*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Christ Church, Stratford; Trinity, Tariffville; St. Peter's/Trinity, Thomaston; Trinity, Torrington; and for children and children's ministries, Rhythms of Grace, Grace2Go, and other ministries for children with special needs.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Episcopal Church.

THERE'S LOTS HAPPENING AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE TODAY!

Make 200 sandwiches for Loaves & Fishes: Hubbard Hall

Garden veggie distribution: Outside in front of the church

Communion demonstration for layreaders: Nave

Any layreaders here today may meet Todd in the nave, where he will demonstrate the process for safely distributing communion wine. We plan to offer wine at services beginning in October.

Pumpkins for Pilgrimage: Parish office hallway

Come pick a pumpkin or two! Priced from \$3 to \$15 each, these pumpkins were lovingly grown by Danielle Foint and donated to the church. Proceeds will support the youth pilgrimage to Scotland next June. Cash or check accepted – Write "Pilgrimage" in the memo. Extra donations are welcome!



Choral Evensong TODAY at 5 p.m. Evensong is an ancient and beautiful service presented on the fourth Sundays of select months at St. John's. This month's Evensong service features the St. John's Schola. Join us for a time of prayer, music, and reflection — a wonderful way to prepare for the week ahead.

Help distribute fresh veggies to our neighbors on Sunday mornings. We need volunteers each Sunday to both prepare (sort and bag) vegetables from our community garden 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, Mondays at 7 p.m. The Monday evening online Bible study, begun out of necessity in the early days of the pandemic, is still going strong! The current session focuses on stories of people whom Jesus called, healed, and redeemed in the Gospel of Luke. Join us via Zoom (link available in the e-newsletters or by contacting Margie at margie@sjparish.net). You are welcome to attend any or all sessions.

Movie on the Lawn, Thursday, September 30, 6:45 p.m. Our final movie night for the season is next Thursday at 6:45 p.m. We'll show a family-friendly movie; all ages are welcome, as are friends and neighbors. Bring a blanket or chairs, and a picnic if you like.

Pet blessing, next Sunday, October 3, 10:30 service. In honor of St. Francis's feast day, we will offer a blessing of pets at the 10:30 service in the nave. All kinds of pets are welcome! Please have your pet leashed or crated for everyone's safety.

ECCT North Central Region convocation, Sunday, October 3, 3 to 6 p.m. via Zoom. The North Central (NC) Region leadership team is pleased to invite you to participate in the 2021 Annual Convocation. We will meet on Zoom for a program around sharing what brings us together, particularly in light of the pandemic, celebrating our mutual affection for God, and engaging with some spiritual practices. We know that these past 18 months have been very difficult, and while the pandemic has made it so that we are often physically apart, in Jesus we are one family. Please join us on Sunday, October 3, 2021 from 3 to 6 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Maggie Breen, your NC Region Missionary, at mbreen@episcopalct.org. **Register for free here:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/north-central-region-2021-fall-convocation-tickets-168438557259>

Supplies needed for Blessing Bags. Blessing Bags containing toiletries, snacks, and warm winter accessories are given out to people in need who come to the church looking for help. We need to replenish some of our supplies as the colder weather approaches. To donate supplies, please go to our Amazon wish list at <https://a.co/93wYVNa> — the supplies you purchase will be automatically shipped to the church. Thank you!

Teacher seeks donated toys for her students. Annabel Clapp, a St. John's member, is a speech/language pathologist at Whiting Lane School, where she works with children with serious cognitive and neurological impairments. She is looking for sturdy toys she can use with her students, including wooden puzzles with large pieces, toys that show cause and effect (switch-operated light-up or musical toys, pop-up toys, etc.), and plastic toys with large pieces such as farm sets, vehicles, zoo animals, etc. If you have toys in good condition that you can give away, contact Annabel at annabeltrickett@yahoo.com to see if what you have matches her needs.

EVENSONG

Limited in-person seating and livestreamed at red.doormusic.org

Sunday, September 26 at 5 p.m.
St. John's Schola
St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford

St. John's West Hartford
presents

Movies on the Lawn

Join us for our **final movie night** of the year! Bring a picnic, blanket or chairs, and maybe a friend for a family-friendly movie on the West Lawn. All are welcome!

September 30 at 6:45
(In Hubbard Hall in case of rain)

TAKE ME TO CHURCH!

Celebrate creation and honor St. Francis at St. John's Church

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3
10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Pets of all kinds are welcome to receive a blessing. You are also welcome to bring toy pets and photos of beloved pets, past or present.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Christian formation for all ages

10:30 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist

(also livestreamed at sjparish.net/services)

5 p.m. Choral Evensong on select fourth Sundays of the month

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2020–22: June Aziz, Jyothsna Diaz, Anne Harney	
2021–23: Robert Eikel, Kara Hart, Julia O'Brien, Martin Wheeler	