St. John's Episcopal Church

A place to discover connections with God and one another www.sjparish.net



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

October 10, 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 siparish.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 Berceuse

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)



Louis Vierne was the blind organist of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris from 1900 until his death at the organ console in 1937. His tender Berceuse, an arrangement of a traditional French lullaby, was written in 1913 and dedicated to his daughter.

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.

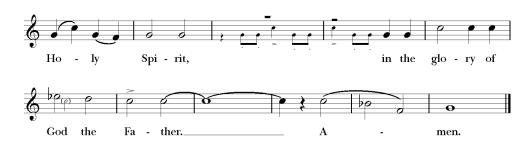
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

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 GLORIA IN EXCELSIS





Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

Music: William Mathias (1934–1992) Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc.



William Mathias was a Welsh composer best known for his music for choir and organ. A child prodigy, he started playing the piano at the age of three and began composing at the age of five. His festive and exciting settings of the Gloria and Sanctus have been mainstays of the Episcopal liturgy since they were written in 1975.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may

continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with

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

People Amen.

All sit.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so

the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 90:12–17

The people say the words in **bold** and sing the antiphon where indicated.



- 12 So teach us to number our days * that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? * be gracious to your servants.
- Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; * so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us * and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works * and your splendor to their children.
- May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
 prosper the work of our hands;
 prosper our handiwork.

 Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 4:12-16

he word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 684 O for a closer walk with God *All stand and sing.*

CAITHNESS

THE GOSPEL Mark 10:17–31

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

s Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? ▲ No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother." He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age-houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions-and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

All sit.

The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

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**.

On our journey as disciples, let us call on God from whom all good things come, and whose gracious care prospers the work of our hands.

For the Church, especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; and our parish clergy, that we who follow Jesus as our good teacher may draw others to the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the people of St. John's, that we may grow in discipleship and leave behind whatever hinders our following of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For the leaders of our nation, and especially the Congress, that in a spirit of constructive dialogue and discernment, they may honor one another, and work for the common good of all. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all those who endure persecution for the sake of the Gospel, that they may find strength and courage in Christ's promises. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For the rich and the powerful, that God will inspire them to generosity and justice. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all those recovering from storms and natural disasters, those who are overwhelmed and confused, and the sick and the suffering, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may find strength and hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For those who have died, that that they may receive eternal life in the age to come. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

O God whose loving hand has given us all that we possess, hear the prayers we offer this day, and grant that we may persevere in generosity and continually be given to good works, through Jesus Christ who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, our One Triune God, 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 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 & STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE ANTHEM I will arise

arr. Robert Shaw, Alice Parker

I will arise and go to Jesus. He will embrace me in His arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, oh! there are ten thousand charms. Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love. Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. I will arise and go to Jesus. He will embrace me in His arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, oh! there are ten thousand charms.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

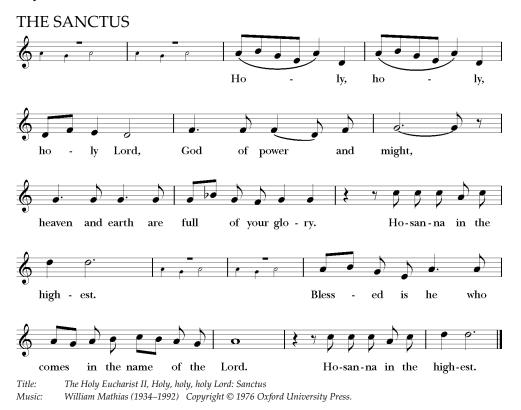
All stand.

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:



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



Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei Music: Gerard R. Near (b. 1942) Copyright © 1985 Aureole Editions, Dallas, Texas.

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 Treasures in heaven

Joseph Clokey (1890–1960) Text: Matthew 6:19–21, 7:7–8

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 325 Let us break bread together on our knees *All remain seated and sing.*

LET US BREAK BREAD

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 POSTCOMMUNION 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 601 O day of God, draw nigh *All sing*.

St. MICHAEL

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Toccata pour Grand Orgue

Gaston Bélier (1863–1938)

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say **Amen** at the end of the voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Margie Baker **Preacher:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald **Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Betty Knorr

The St. John's Schola: Candy Green, Anne Harney, Catherine Barr, Abby White,

Odanice Olibrice, Ram Tysoe, Rich Barstow, John Nowacki

Organist & Choirmaster: Ted Babbitt

Acolytes: Dorian Ciscel, Elsa Ciscel, Genella Evans **Ushers**: Ellen Flynn, Don Polk, Laura Roche

Livestream Oversight: Ray Giolitto **Altar Guild**: Buffy Ineson

Nursery Staff: Morgan Babbitt, Kiley Murphy

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 Shepard W. Baker, Earl Biscoe, Jr., Thomas R. Tight, and Wendy F. Vance.

The Bible texts of the Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel lessons are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Church of Christ in the USA, and used by permission.

Hymns used by permission of OneLicense, No. A-724992. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

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	Joan	Edie	

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

John Nowacki Ned Byrd Christine Babbitt Ben Flynn III Danielle Branco

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

John Nowacki & Don Polk Dale & Christoph Stretz

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. John's, Vernon; St. Paul's, Wallingford; St. John's, Washington; and for youth and youth ministries, J2A, Confirm Not Conform, and all other confirmation classes and other programs that challenge youth to grow in their faith and discipleship.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa.



Grace, Gratitude and Giving is the theme of this year's stewardship campaign—an annual opportunity for each of us to consider what we love about St. John's and how we can contribute to support the church in the coming year with a financial pledge. To fulfill our mission and carry out our ministries, we rely on each household to pledge financial support to St. John's. During the next few weeks, we will provide weekly information about stewardship

at St. John's: Look for this information in the church e-news and bulletin, and on our web site. You will receive two stewardship newsletters in the mail with statements from our clergy, staff, lay leaders, and parishioners, as well as information about our ministries and how stewardship dollars enable us to do all that we do. The campaign culminates on Commitment Sunday: November 14, by which time we hope to receive your completed pledge cards or online pledge. For more information, go to sjparish.net/giving, and/or reach out to any of our Stewardship Committee members: June Aziz, Eleanor Barnes, Kim Byrd (co-chair), Matt Ciscel (co-chair), Susan Clemow, Dave McCary and Stewart Murchie.

Online Bible study, Mondays at 7 p.m. 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.

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!

Trunk or Treat at St. John's, Sunday, October 31, 4 to 5:30 p.m. This year, St. John's is hosting a Trunk or Treat for the neighborhood. If you have never experienced a Trunk or Treat, google it! Trunk or Treats are a safe, fun way for families to celebrate Halloween. We will be advertising the event at neighborhood and partner schools. We hope to have at least 20 cars decorated and ready to hand out treats to ghouls, goblins, ninjas, and butterflies. Trunk or Treat is early enough in the evening to go out trick or treating afterwards, if that is your tradition. You can participate in several ways:

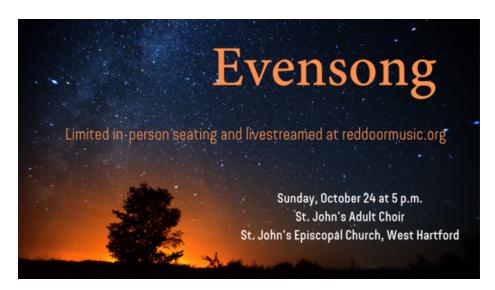
- **Bring your vehicle** and candy/treats/stickers for ~50-100 kids. Decorations are encouraged, and can be as simple or elaborate as you'd like. Please arrive by 3:30 to set up your car.
- **Decorate a table (provided)** and bring treats as above. Please arrive by 3:30.
- **Dress up and welcome visitors!** We'll give you treats to hand out.
- **Donate candy, stickers, or other treats** to supplement. Drop them off at church by 10/31, or order and have them delivered to the church care of Margie.
- **Bring your child (and perhaps another family)** to trick or treat with us! Trunk or Treats are geared toward younger children, but all are welcome.

Sign up online to decorate a vehicle or table, give out treats, or donate supplies: sjparish.net/trunkortreat

Music at the Red Door upcoming events:

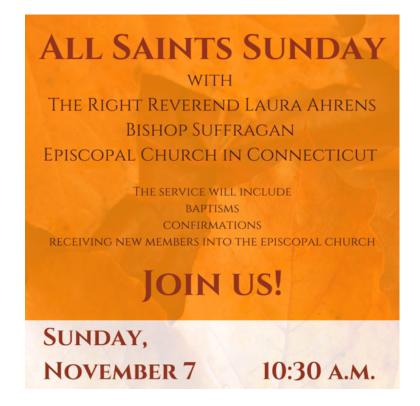
- o The New World Trio: Sunday, October 17, 2 p.m.
- Choral Evensong: Sunday, October 24, 5 p.m.
- o **Pipes Alive! with Scott Lamlein:** Sunday, November 7, 12:30 p.m.

Bishop visitation, Sunday, November 7. The Right Reverend Laura Ahrens, bishop suffragan of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, will be with us on November 7, All Saints Sunday. Bishop Ahrens will lead the adult forum at 9:30, preach and preside at the 10:30 service, and meet with the vestry over lunch afterward. She will also baptize and confirm a number of St. John's members, and receive several new members into the Episcopal Church. Please join us for this special Sunday in our parish life.









St. John's Episcopal Church

A place to discover connections with God and one another www.sjparish.net

679 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, Connecticut 06119 860 523 5201 office@sjparish.net



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

STAFF

The Rev. Todd FitzGerald (todd@sjparish.net) The Rev. Margie Baker (margie@sjparish.net) Scott Lamlein (scott@sjparish.net) The Rev. Walter McKenney Ellen Painter Dollar (ellen@sjparish.net)	Assistant RectorDirector of MusicDeaconParish 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
Tim Goetz and John Roche	Co-Treasurers

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