

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

October 17, 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 are now offering healing prayers after communion, and passing the plate during the Offertory.**

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 *Chant de Paix* (Song of Peace)

Jean Langlais (1907–1991)

THE OPENING HYMN 665 All my hope on God is founded

MICHAEL

All stand and sing.



This hymn's popularity increased when its pairing with the tune Michael by the English composer Herbert Howells became more widely known. Howells' son, Michael, born in 1925, had died in 1935 from spinal meningitis. It is believed that shortly after this, in 1936, Howells received a request for a new hymn tune in the morning's post, and he is said to have written the tune, which he named after his late son, over breakfast.

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



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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

Isaiah 53:4–12

All sit.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 91:9–16

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



- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 **There shall no evil happen to you, ***
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 **They shall bear you in their hands, ***
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 **Because he is bound to me in love,**
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 **With long life will I satisfy him, ***
and show him my salvation.

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 5:1–10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN “Are ye able,” said the master

All stand and sing.

EARL MARLATT, D. 1892

HARRY S. HANSON, D. 1881

1. "Are ye a - ble," said the Mas - ter, "To be cru - ci - fied with me?"
 2. "Are ye a - ble to re - mem - ber When a thief lifts up his eyes,
 3. "Are ye a - ble, when the shad - ows Close a - round you with the sod,
 4. "Are ye a - ble?" still the Mas - ter Whis - pers down e - ter - ni - ty.

"Yea," the star - dy dream - ers an - swered, "To the death we fol - low Thee."
 That his par - doned soul is wor - thy Of a place in Par - a - dise?
 To be - lieve that spir - it tri - umpha, To com - mend your soul to God?
 And he - ro - ic spir - its an - swer, Now, as then, in Gal - i - lee.

REFRAIN
 Lord, we are a - ble! Our spir - its are Thine. Re - mold them,
 make us, Like Thee, di - vine. Thy guid - ing ra - diance A - bove us shall
 be A bea - con to God To love and loy - al - ty. A - men.

THE GOSPEL

*Mark 10:35–45**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be

baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

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 approach the throne of grace with confidence, praying in the name of Jesus our great high priest, saying: *Hear us and help us, O Holy One.*

For the Church, especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; and our parish clergy, that in all things we may follow the example of Jesus, who came not to be served, but to serve.

Hear us and help us, O Holy One.

For the people of St. John's, that we may gladly bear the burdens of others, and seek to serve in sacrificial love. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For ourselves, called to be stewards and disciples, that in giving, we may follow the Lord's example and teaching. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For the healing of the earth, that God will guide us and our leaders in being good stewards of God's creation, so that all people may experience the blessings that the earth brings forth to sustain our needs.

Hear us and help us, O Holy One.

For all those whose lives have been touched by violence or natural disasters, those seeking freedom and asylum, and all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that God will free their hearts from fear, and help them to live life fully. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For those who have died, that they may pass through the heavens to stand with joy before the throne of grace. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

Celebrant God of mercy, you call us to live as your Son lived, in service to others. Hear our prayers voiced in the name of Jesus, who is Savior and Lord, 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 OFFERTORY ANTHEM Swing low, sweet chariot

Spiritual, arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925)

Swing low, sweet chariot
 Coming for to carry me home
 Swing low, sweet chariot
 Coming for to carry me home

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see
 A band of angels coming after me
 Sometimes I'm up, sometimes I'm down
 Sometimes I'm almost to the ground



Alice Parker is a national treasure: America's reigning queen of choral music. – American Record Guide
My twenty years' experience with Robert Shaw, an immersion in folk music of many kinds, has had a profound effect on my own understanding of song. I learned to see each tune as a small universe, setting up its own rules of pitch and rhythm, mood and dance. If I understand that universe, and work within it for my setting, the result is an organic whole that allows the original melody to flourish. – Alice Parker

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH*All stand.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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,

heaven 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.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

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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
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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.

A healing minister is available to pray with you today; go to the baptismal font after you receive Communion.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Sing my soul, his wondrous love

David Ashley White (b. 1944)

Text: Anonymous, ca. 1800

Sing my soul, his wondrous love,
 who, from you bright throne above,
 ever watchful o'er our race,
 still to us extends his grace.

Heav'n and earth by him were made;
 all is by his scepter swayed;
 what are we that he should show
 so much love to us below?

O God, the merciful and good,
 bought us with the Savior's blood,
 and to make our safety sure,
 guides us by his Spirit pure.

Sing my soul, adore his Name!
 Let his glory be thy theme:
 praise him till he calls thee home;
 trust his love for all to come.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 328 Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord

SONG 46

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 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 580 God, who stretched the spangled heavens

HOLY MANNA

All sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Emperor's Fanfare

Antonio Soler (1729–1783)

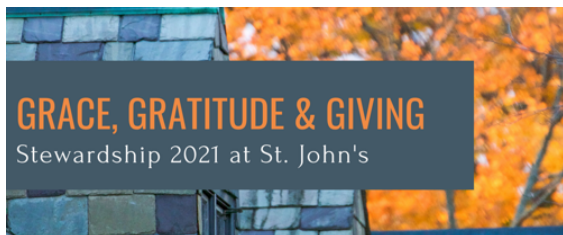
*The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say **Amen** at the end of the voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.*

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald**Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Virginia Eikel**The St. John's Youth Choir****Organist & Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Organ Scholar:** Ted Babbitt**Acolytes:** Bradley Crocker, Alice Murchie, Claire O'Brien**Ushers:** Eleanor Barnes, Edwin Genece, Giselle Genece**Healing Prayers:** Paul Shaker**Livestream Oversight:** Fraz Lugay**Altar Guild:** Buffy Ineson**Nursery Staff:** Abby Thaxton, Caroline Thaxton**Sunday School Teachers:** Margie Baker, Matt Ciscel, Susan Thaxton, Angela Allen-Peck

**The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Jayne Bleicher,
Robert F. and Abbie V.S. Peterson, and George E. and Abbie B. Van Siclen.**

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Why do we pledge? A pledge is a promise that St. John's asks each person or household to make, about how much money they will give over the course of a year to support all the good things the church is doing.

Your pledge, combined with other pledges and some additional income sources (e.g., non-pledge gifts, money from outside groups that use our building and grounds, fundraisers) becomes an

integral part of the church budget. In the budget, St. John's plans how much to spend during the year on things that make a positive impact on people's lives, including worship services, music, education programs for all ages, outreach to neighbors in need, and pastoral care.

We give out of joy for being part of, and wanting to support, our wonderful church community! Thank you for supporting all that St. John's does by making your pledge this year. Pledge cards will be sent to your home later this month, and are also available to pick up at church. We'd like to receive completed pledge cards on or before **Commitment Sunday on November 14**. You may also pledge online at sjparish.net/pledge. For more information, go to sjparish.net/giving, and/or reach out to our stewardship chairs, Kim Byrd (kimberley.byrd@comcast.net) or Matt Ciscel (matt.ciscel@gmail.com).

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	Olga
Savannah			

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Barbara Brunjes	Helen Douglas
Dawson Biondi	Merrilee Leonhardt
Steve Crocker	Eliana Wright
Joel Lohr	Hannah Davis
Bess Amamoo	

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. John's, Waterbury; Christ Church, Watertown; All Saint's, West Cornwall; and for young adults and young adult ministries and networks: The Episcopal Service Corps; the Young Adult Service Corps of The Episcopal Church; St. Hilda's House, New Haven; and the Young Adult Episcopalians Ministry Network.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies.

All Souls & All Saints Day Remembrances

St. John's will observe the feast of All Souls at an evening service on Tuesday, November 2, and All Saints Day on Sunday, November 7. We invite parishioners to submit names of loved ones who have died so we may remember them on these sacred days. Below, please write the names you would like included, then tear off the form and put it in the offering plate or box. Or you may call or e-mail Ellen in the parish office at 860-523-5201, ellen@sjparish.net. **Names must be received in the parish office by Monday, October 25.**

Name(s): _____

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.

Women Together begins a new book series, Tuesday, October 19 at 2 p.m. Women Together will begin a new discussion series on Tuesday, October 19, with the book *In Search of Belief* by Joan Chittister. This book delves into the meaning of the Apostles Creed, phrase by phrase. Women Together meets every Tuesday from 2 to 3:15 p.m. in the Reception Room at St. John's, and is a gathering of women from St. Monica's, Trinity, St. John's, and friends. All are welcome to attend! For more information, contact Sarah Kieffer (kieffer2468@gmail.com).

Garden work day, Saturday, October 30, 10 a.m. Come help us put the garden "to bed" after a successful growing season! No gardening expertise is required. We will supply tools and gloves. All are welcome! Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

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:

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

Feast of All Souls, Tuesday, November 2 at 7 p.m. Join us for an evening service to remember the faithful departed on All Souls Day.

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

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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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