

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*October 24, 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](http://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 Variations on *New Britain* (2015)

Peter Niedmann (b. 1960)

THE OPENING HYMN 410 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

*All stand and sing.*

### 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  
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of  
 God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

*Jeremiah 31:7–9*

*All sit.*

**T**hus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALTER

*Psalms 126*

*Sung by the choir. The people sing the antiphon where indicated.*

Anglican chant by Edward Rimbault (1816–1876)



- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

*Antiphon*

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Hebrews 7:23–28*

**T**he former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 671 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

NEW BRITAIN

*All stand and sing.*

## THE GOSPEL

*Mark 10:46–52*

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

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

**J**esus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

*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.*

Let us cry out to God through our great high priest, Jesus the Son of David, 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 we may experience Christ's call and move from darkness into greater light in our lives. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For the people of St. John's, that we who have received mercy and healing from Jesus may lovingly extend the same to others. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For all who are searching for God, that their eyes and hearts may be opened to the many signs of God's love for them. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For greater respect for God's work of creation, that we may be mindful that all the earth is God's gift to us, and we are responsible for its care. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For world leaders, that their gathering at the UN Climate Change Summit will outline new paths for protecting the earth for future generations. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For all who are blinded by fear and prejudice, for those separated from their communities because of disability or illness, and for those in need of our prayers, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may come to Jesus and be healed. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For those who have died, that they may rejoice with songs of joy in God's eternal presence. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

*Celebrant* God of compassion, hear the prayers we offer this day and restore our vision that we may see and embrace the faith that makes us well, and follow Christ on the way that leads to eternal life, who with you and the Holy Spirit are One God, living and true. **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 The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)  
Text: George Herbert, 1633

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a way as gives us breath;  
Such a truth as ends all strife;  
Such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a light as shows a feast;  
Such a feast as mends in length;  
Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a joy as none can move;  
Such a love as none can part;  
Such a heart as joys in love.



*Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958) is regarded as the greatest English composer since Purcell (who died in 1695—a long time in between “greats”). His compositions span the entire breadth of styles and genres, from symphonies and oratorios to folksong collections. He served as editor of the 1906 English Hymnal, with Percy Dearmer. The Call is part of his collection of Five Mystical Songs, originally written for baritone soloist. Here we can enjoy the rich tapestry of sound and meaning that Vaughan Williams weaves around Herbert’s poem, employing plainsong, the modal patterns and intimate textures of English folk music, and the harmonic colors of late Romanticism.*

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>*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**Music:* *William Mathias (1934–1992) Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.**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.**

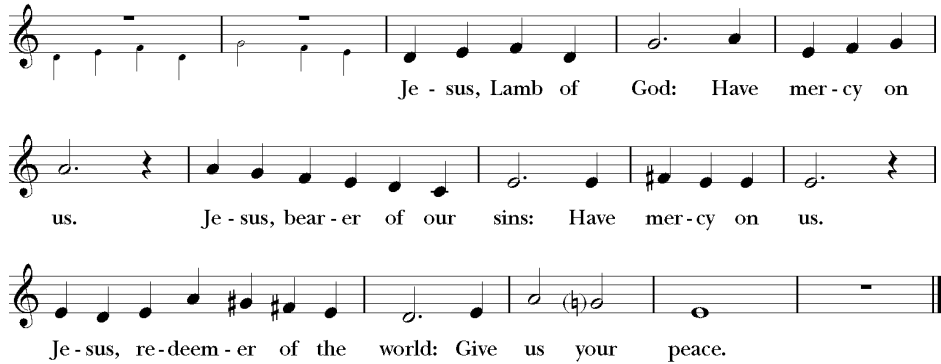
**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power,**

**and the glory**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on  
us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

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.*

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

## THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Ave verum corpus

Stephanie Martin

Words attributed to Pope Innocent VI (d. 1362)

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum immolatum in Cruce pro homine,  
Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine, esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

*Hail, true body born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for man,  
Whose pierced side overflowed with blood, Be for us a foretaste in the test of death.*



*An award-winning composer and conductor, Stephanie Martin has wide musical interests ranging from Gregorian chant to gamelan; from Froberger to folksong. A guardian of musical heritage and a creative collaborator, she is known for imaginative programming and for creating sustainable musical communities.*

THE COMMUNION HYMN Taste and see

James E. Moore, Jr. (b. 1951)

All remain seated and join in singing the refrain as indicated.

Words: Psalm 34

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord." The notes are simple, using quarter and half notes, with a final whole note on "O" and "of the Lord.".

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

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

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

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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 535 Ye servants of God, your master proclaim

PADERBORN

All sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY *Ite, missa est* from *Organoedia ad missam lectam*

Zoltan Kodaly (1882–1967)

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.

**Please join us to make 200 sandwiches for Loaves & Fishes after the service.**

**THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY****Celebrant:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Preacher:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Paul Shaker**The St. John's Youth Choir****Organist & Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Acolytes:** Dawson Biondi, Elise Biondi, Isabel Grant**Ushers:** Annabel Clapp, Don Polk, Christoph Stretz**Healing Prayers:** David Grimaldi**Livestream Oversight:** Francis Lamlein**Altar Guild:** Buffy Ineson, Bill Lockery**Nursery Staff:** Morgan Babbitt**Sunday School Teachers:** Ginger Gillespie, Akilah Williams, Leah Lorenzo, Colin Gillespie

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**EYC THIS WEEK**

Scavenger Hunt "Awards Banquet"  
5-7 pm at St. John's

Join us for food, a recap of last week's scavenger hunt (with bloopers!), and a discussion on antiracism and the Body of Christ.

**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	Edie
Joanne	Joan		

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Jackie McCauley	Samuel Sloan
Raphael Katsipis	Douglas Montas
Jean Mitchell	Colin Gillespie
Teresa Lohr	Savannah Marchion

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Ann Hutchinson & Dan Lazarowski  
 Lisa & Paul Farrell  
 Kim & Chris Byrd  
 Susie & Ross Hatch

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. James’s, West Hartford; St. John’s, West Hartford; Holy Spirit, West Haven;; and for Diocesan Episcopal Church Women, Diocesan Altar Guild, and local ECW chapters and parish altar guilds.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Extra-Provincial Churches.

*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):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 Adult Choir. Join us for a time of prayer, music, and reflection—a wonderful way to prepare for the week ahead.



**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](http://sjparish.net/trunkortreat)

**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.

**Adult class: Intro to the Episcopal Church and St. John's, Friday, November 5, 6 to 8 p.m. (optional supper at 5:30).** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald, priest in charge, will lead a one-time class for any adults who would like to learn more about the Episcopal Church and what it means to live out our baptismal covenant here at St. John's. All adults are welcome. Please RSVP to the parish office if you'd like to attend (860-523-5201 or [office@sjparish.net](mailto:office@sjparish.net)).

**Pipes Alive! with Scott Lamlein, Sunday, November 7, 12:30 p.m.** Our next Pipes Alive! organ recital will feature our own Scott Lamlein playing music by Hurd, Howells, Cooman, Laurin, and Vierne. Free admission, with donations gratefully accepted.

**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.

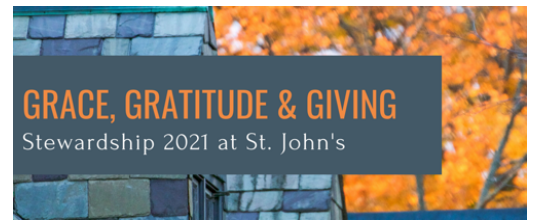
**St. John’s to be part of tour of historic houses of worship, Sunday, November 14, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.** On Sunday, November 14, St. John’s will be a featured site for the Noah Webster House’s annual fundraiser, a tour of historic houses of worship in West Hartford. While the organizers are providing staff who will lead tours and share information (which we are providing to them), St. John’s folks are also welcome to be on-site to welcome people. Please let Ellen in the parish office know if you’d like to participate. For more information: <https://noahwebsterhouse.org/event/west-hartford-house-tour-houses-of-worship/>

St. John's Church  
**CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**  
**Saturday, December 4**  
**10am to 2pm**  
 Rain/snow date:  
 December 5, 12 to 4pm  
 ALL ARE WELCOME - FREE ADMISSION  
 Wreaths ☆ Food ☆ Caroling  
 ☆ Trees ☆ Gifts ☆  
 St. John's Episcopal Church  
 679 Farmington Avenue  
 at the intersection with South Highland

**Save the date! Christmas Festival, Saturday, December 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Rain/snow date: Sunday, December 5, noon to 4 p.m.).** The annual Christmas Festival, which is a major fundraiser for St. John’s, will take place outdoors again this year. In addition to unique evergreen wreaths, handmade crafts, and baked goods, we’ll have a Festival Café serving soup, hot drinks, and donuts, and for the first time this year, a small number of Christmas trees for sale (first come, first served on the day of the festival). We’ll need LOTS of help: making soup, baking, making crafts, donating food and beverages, decorating wreaths, helping with set up and clean up, staffing sales tables, and taking payments. Look for opportunities to sign up starting in early November. (Note: We are no longer selling used/secondhand items at the Christmas Festival so are unable to accept those donations.)



St. John's members connect our gratitude for God's many gifts that we enjoy with a commitment to share those gifts with others. We do this by offering extraordinary worship in our historic sanctuary, excellent music from the best of the Anglican tradition, and support for people in need. Throughout this past year, with all its challenges, St. John's continued our tradition of meaningful worship and service by engaging in a variety of ministries, including:



- We held nearly 100 worship services online and in-person, outdoors and indoors.
- We continued our Christian education programs for youth and adults in the parish, online and in-person.
- Our outstanding choirs, with 32 adults and 14 children, sang virtual anthems throughout the pandemic and returned to singing in-person at worship this fall.
- We celebrated 8 baptisms, and prepared 20 young people for confirmation.
- We started a new ministry of making 200 sandwiches a month for the Loaves & Fishes feeding ministry, and continued providing them with a monthly hot meal for 150 people.
- St. John's actively supports many education, food, and housing programs in the Greater Hartford Community with financial donations and volunteers.
- Four weekly 12-step meetings and several other community groups returned to in-person meetings in our building this fall.
- The ESOL program that serves recent immigrants and other English learners (for which St. John's provides space and funding) resumed in-person classes this summer and fall.
- We planted, grew, harvested, and gave away vegetables from our community garden to neighbors in need every Sunday throughout the summer and early fall.

Because of your financial support St. John's was able to do so much! Thank you for your continued support.

Pledge cards will be sent to your home in the next week; we hope to receive completed pledge cards on or before **Commitment Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**. You may also pledge online at [sjparish.net/pledge](http://sjparish.net/pledge). For more information, go to [sjparish.net/giving](http://sjparish.net/giving), and/or reach out to our stewardship chairs, Kim Byrd ([kimberley.byrd@comcast.net](mailto:kimberley.byrd@comcast.net)) or Matt Ciscel ([matt.ciscel@gmail.com](mailto:matt.ciscel@gmail.com)).

Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of  
St. John's Renowned Austin Organ

# Pipes Alive!

Sunday, November, 7, 2021 | 12:30

livestreamed from [www.reddoormusic.org](http://www.reddoormusic.org)

**SCOTT LAMLEIN**  
Organist


MUSIC AT THE RED DOOR  
WWW.REDDOORMUSIC.ORG





**ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY GARDEN**  
**FALL WORK DAY**  
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021  
 10AM TO NOON

Join us as we put the garden to bed for the winter. No previous experience required.






DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT:  
**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH?**  
**HOW WE ARE LIVING OUT THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT HERE AT ST. JOHN'S?**  
**WHAT IT MEANS TO CREATE YOUR OWN "RULE OF LIFE"?**

Join Todd FitzGerald, priest in charge, for a class designed for adults who want to learn more about the church and explore what it means to be a part of this faith community. All adults are welcome.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5**  
**6 TO 8 P.M.**  
**SUPPER (OPTIONAL) SERVED AT 5:30**

PLEASE RSVP TO THE PARISH OFFICE  
 860.523.5201 OR OFFICE@SJPARISH.NET

# TRUNK OR TREAT

 **SUNDAY, OCT. 31**   
 **4:00–5:30 PM**

**COME ONE, COME ALL TO A SAFE AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY  
HALLOWEEN EVENT IN OUR PARISH PARKING LOT!  
BRING YOUR LITTLE GHOULS, GOBLINS, PIRATES, AND  
BUTTERFLIES FOR PLENTY OF TREATS (NO TRICKS)  
BEFORE SUNSET.**

**CANCELLED IN CASE OF HEAVY RAIN.**



**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH  
679 FARMINGTON AVE, WEST HARTFORD  
(CORNER OF FARMINGTON AND S. HIGHLAND)**

# ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

WITH

THE RIGHT REVEREND LAURA AHRENS  
BISHOP SUFFRAGAN  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT

THE SERVICE WILL INCLUDE  
BAPTISMS  
CONFIRMATIONS  
RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS INTO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## JOIN US!

**SUNDAY,**

**NOVEMBER 7**

**10:30 A.M.**

# St. John's Episcopal Church

*A place to discover connections with God and one another*

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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](http://sjparish.net/services))

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

## STAFF

The Rev. Todd FitzGerald ( <a href="mailto:todd@sjparish.net">todd@sjparish.net</a> ).....	<i>Priest in Charge</i>
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Christa Rakich.....	<i>Organ Artist-in-Residence</i>
Ralph Valentine .....	<i>Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus</i>

## VESTRY

Geoff Emerick .....	<i>Warden</i>
Virginia Van Dyk .....	<i>Warden</i>
Tim Goetz and John Roche .....	<i>Co-Treasurers</i>
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	