

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II & BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

*October 3, 2021*

*10:30 a.m.*

## Welcome!

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

- **Masks are required for all attending indoor services and events, regardless of vaccination status.**
- **Practice social distancing (at least 3 feet) with members of other households.** We have opened up some additional pews in anticipation of higher attendance now that the program year has begun, but ask that you continue to maintain space between households.
- **Greet one another from a distance** with a nod, wave, peace sign, etc.
- **We will not be passing the plate during the Offertory.** You may leave your donation in the wooden offering box. We can also receive donations through the mail or online via our web site.

It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you need to participate in the service is found in this bulletin and in the blue hymnals in each pew.

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

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Dance Prelude on *Lasst uns erfreuen*

David Schack (b. 1947)

THE OPENING HYMN 405 All things bright and beautiful  
*All stand and sing.*

ROYAL OAK

## OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE SONG OF PRAISE Dignus es

Benjamin Straley (b. 1986)

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



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

For you created every thing that is,

and by your will they were created and have their being; *Refrain*

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,

for with your blood you have redeemed for God,

From every family, language, people, and nation,

a kingdom of priests to serve our God. *Refrain*

And so, to him who sits upon the throne,

and to Christ the Lamb,

Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,

for ever and for evermore. *Refrain*

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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

*Genesis 2:18–24*

*All sit.*

**T**he Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and

closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 8*

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

O LORD our Gov - er - nor, how ex - alt - ed is your Name in all the world!

- 1 O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 **Out of the mouths of infants and children \***  
**your majesty is praised above the heavens.**
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 **When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \***  
**the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 **You have made him but little lower than the angels; \***  
**you adorn him with glory and honor;**
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 **All sheep and oxen, \***  
**even the wild beasts of the field,**
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 **O LORD our Governor, \***  
**how exalted is your Name in all the world!**

*Antiphon*

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12*

**L**ong ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has

inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 593, vv. 1–3 Lord, make us servants of your peace      DICKINSON COLLEGE  
*All stand and sing.*

## THE GOSPEL

*Mark 10:2–16*

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

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

**S**ome Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

*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 offer prayers to our loving God, whose son took little children in his arms and blessed them.

For the Church, especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; and our parish clergy, that we may be faithful to our baptismal calling to walk in the way of love and service. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the people of St. John's, that we may each be faithful to our promises and commitments, to spouses, children, parents, communities, friends, and those who are most vulnerable. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all children, that they may be warmly welcomed into families, and supported as they grow and develop into the people God made them to be. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our leaders, that God will transform hearts that are hard and minds that are closed, so that bloodshed may end and peace established for all in places of conflict. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all those everywhere dealing with natural disasters, war, poverty and homelessness, that they may find hope and help from the hands of others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that God will calm their hearts and strengthen their spirits. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, that having put their faith in Jesus, they may be crowned with glory and honor. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* God of truth, receive the prayers we offer you this day, and give us grace to be faithful to our families, our communities, and all the glorious creation you have made, through him who calls us brothers and sisters, our Savior Jesus Christ. **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 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

*As we sing the hymn, please remain in the pews. The clergy will come bless your pets where they are.*

THE HYMN DURING THE BLESSING 400 All creatures of our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN

### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

### THE WELCOME

*All sit.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE ANTHEM Bring us peace (2020)

Michele Hecht

Bring us peace, give us hope.  
 Send the silver light of angels' wings into the darkest night.  
 Bring us peace, give us hope.  
 We need to feel the tenderness and warmth of your embrace,  
 a gentle touch, an easy smile.  
 We long for signs of love lost to the world for just a while.  
 Send your light, give us joy!  
 We long to feel the stir of life, the flutter, the spark,  
 the gathering of captive hearts released into the wild.  
 Overjoyed we run and dance and sing,  
 overjoyed, our voices strong and free.  
 We lift our hearts up to the sun.  
 We lift our hands up to the sky.  
 We close our eyes in grateful wonder and we breathe.  
 Breathe. Breathe.  
 Bring us peace, give us hope, give us love.



*Michele Hecht is the director of music ministry at First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn, Ill., where she directs the adult and children's choirs and supervises music staff and volunteers. Michele is the current president of the United Church of Christ Musicians Association (UCCMA), a national organization that serves church musicians. This piece is a prayer of hope for the choirs of the world who have been silenced by the global pandemic.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*All stand.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

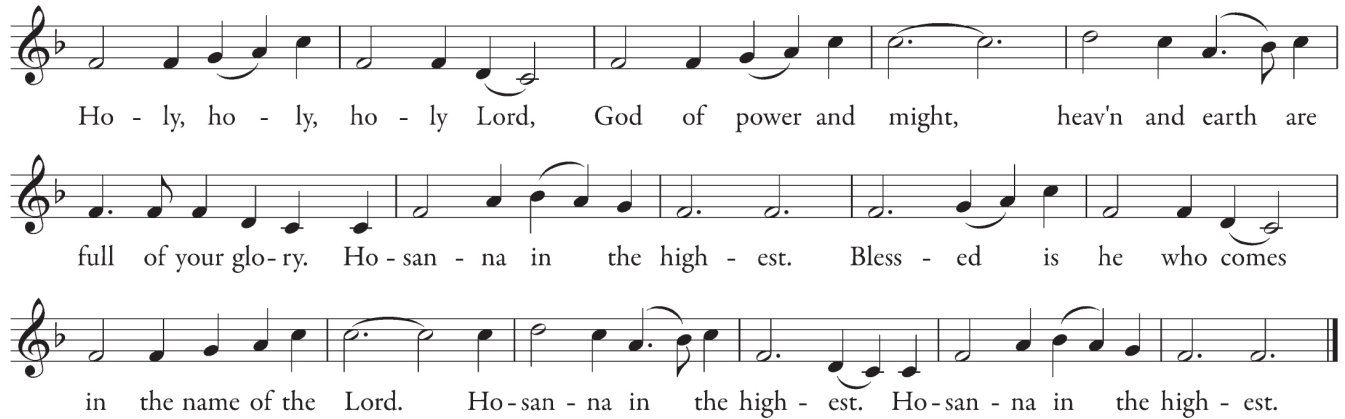
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



## THE SANCTUS



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

Music: Land of Rest, arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889–1983)

*All remain standing or kneel.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

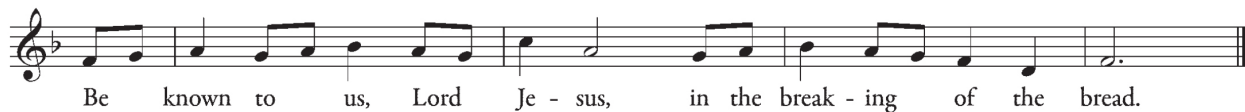
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy Name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power,  
 and the glory  
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM Be known to us, Lord Jesus Gary James (b. 1957)  
*The refrain is introduced by the choir, then all repeat. The choir sings the verses, and all join in the refrain.*



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

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## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
 and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.*

*Exit your row when prompted by an usher, and form a single line in the middle aisle, maintaining social distance with your neighbors.*

*If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest when you get to the altar rail.*

*If you have mobility limitations and would like a priest to bring Communion to you in your seat, please let an usher know.*

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Silent, Surrendered Margaret Rizza (b. 1929)  
 Words: Pamela Hayes and Margaret Rizza

Silent, surrendered, calm and still, open to the word of God.  
 Heart humbled to his will, offered is the servant of God.  
 Come, Holy Spirit, bring us light, teach us, heal us, give us life.  
 Come, Lord, O let our hearts flow with love and all that is true.



*Born in 1929, Margaret Rizza only began to compose in 1997. Since then, she has become a major personality in the world of sacred choral music, with substantial sales of both her printed and recorded music, which includes chart-topping Taizé chants. All this followed an illustrious career as an opera singer spanning 25 years, under the name Margaret Lensky, working with conductors such as Britten, Stravinsky, and Bernstein.*

THE COMMUNION HYMN 345 Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise

ELLERS

*All remain seated and sing.*

### THE PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Those worshipping online are invited to offer this prayer silently or aloud.*

Gracious and risen Lord, we believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. We love you above all things and we desire to receive you into our souls. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you and unite ourselves wholly to you. Never may we be separated from you. Amen.

### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*All stand.*

*People* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.*

THE CLOSING HYMN 482 Lord of all hopefulness

SLANE

*All sing.*

### THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Carillon, 2010

Scott Lamlein (b. 1972)

*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:** Alison Buckley**The St. John's Adult Choir****Organist & Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Organ Scholar:** Ted Babbitt**Acolytes:** James Baker, Bradley Crocker, Claire O'Brien**Ushers:** Don Polk, Paul Shaker**Livestream Oversight:** Ted Babbitt**Altar Guild:** Buffy Ineson**Nursery Staff:** Abby Thaxton, Caroline Thaxton**Sunday School Teachers:** Angela Allen-Peck, Margie Baker, Matt Ciscel, Susan Thaxton**The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Damon Burke Clemow.**

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**In your prayers this week, please pray for:**

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

**Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:**

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

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Jenifer Hartt	Natalie Puzzo	Fraz Lugay
Stephan Christiansen	Douglas Hyland	Bob Connolly
Joan Warner	Jeffrey Gostyla	Susan Murphy Thaxton
Katie Cech	Anna Cook	Janet Babbitt
Ford Gillespie	Andrew Alemany	

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Jenn & Margie Baker  
Stephanie & Scott Donofrio  
Laura & John Roche

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Christ Church, Trumbull; Grace Church, Trumbull; Trinity, Trumbull; and for all companions and service animals, and all livestock and wild animals, great and small.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Church in Wales.

**Help distribute fresh veggies to our neighbors on Sunday mornings.** We need volunteers each Sunday to both prepare (sort and bag) vegetables from our community garden and oversee distribution. The distribution will take place at 11:45 a.m. each Sunday, after the 10:30 service. We ask that volunteers sign up to do *both* prep and distribution on a particular Sunday; you may do the prep any time between 9 a.m. and 11:45, depending on your service attendance plans. Sign up at [sjparish.net/garden](https://sjparish.net/garden)

**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](mailto:margie@sjparish.net)). You are welcome to attend any or all sessions.

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

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

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

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

#### **Music at the Red Door upcoming events:**

- **The New World Trio:** 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.



**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 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 EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



**Evensong**  
 Limited in-person seating and livestreamed at [reddoormusic.org](http://reddoormusic.org)  
 Sunday, October 24 at 5 p.m.  
 St. John's Adult Choir  
 St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford



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

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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

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## 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	