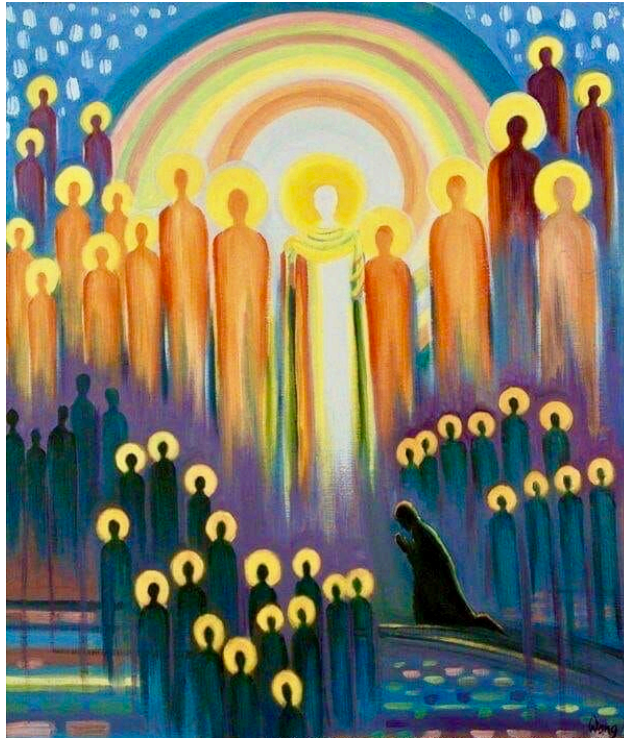


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All Saints Sunday

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II with
BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION & RECEPTION

November 7, 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, regardless of vaccination status.**
- **Practice social distancing (at least 3 feet) with members of other households.**
- **Greet one another from a distance** with a nod, wave, peace sign, etc.

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. [Note: There is no nursery care today because all of our nursery workers are being confirmed.] Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday for all ages.

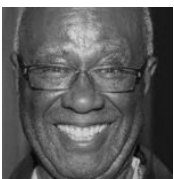
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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Solemn Processional

Robert A. Harris (b. 1938)



Dr. Robert A. Harris is currently a professor emeritus at Northwestern University's Bienen School of Music. He also serves as director of music and choirmaster at the Winnetka Congregational Church in Winnetka, IL. Dr. Harris held the position of professor of conducting and director of choral organizations at Northwestern from 1977 to 2012. Active as a conductor, composer, clinician, lecturer, and adjudicator, he has also held guest professorships in conducting at Wayne State University in Detroit, the University of Texas in Austin, and the University of South Africa in Pretoria.

THE OPENING HYMN 287 For all the saints, who from their labors rest
All stand and sing.

SINE NOMINE

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.
People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 25:6–9**All sit.*

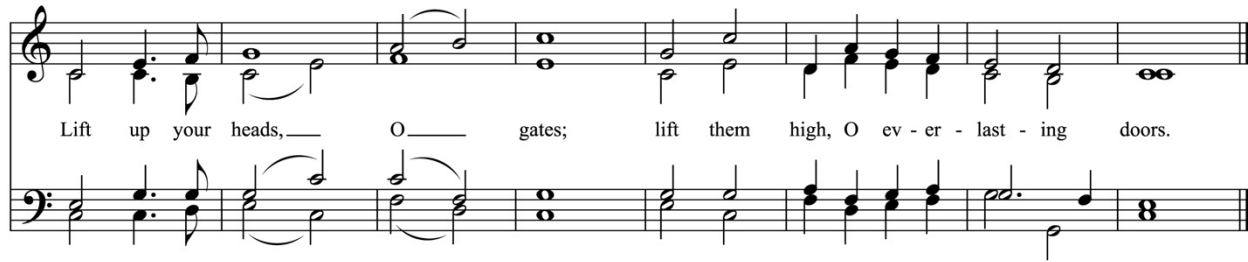
On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 24

The people say the text in **bold**, and sing the antiphon as indicated.



Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors.

- 1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 **For it is he who founded it upon the seas ***
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 **"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, ***
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- 6 **Such is the generation of those who seek him, ***
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 **"Who is this King of glory?" ***
"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 **"Who is he, this King of glory?" ***
"The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory."

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6a

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated

on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 293 I sing a song of the saints of God

GRAND ISLE

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

John 11:32-44

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

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

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Right Reverend Laura Ahrens

All sit.

THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION & RECEPTION

The candidates for Holy Baptism and their sponsors come forward at this time. The candidates for confirmation and reception remain in their seats, and stand in place when they are presented and to answer the questions posed by the Celebrant.

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors

I present [name] to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that they are being brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help them to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the baptismal candidates.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The candidates for confirmation and reception stand in place when they are presented.

Celebrant The candidates for confirmation will now be presented.

Presenter I present these persons for confirmation.

Celebrant The candidates for reception will now be presented.

Presenter I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the confirmation and reception candidates.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Celebrant Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*All stand.**Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?*People* **I will, with God's help.***Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?*People* **I will, with God's help.***Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?*People* **I will, with God's help.***Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?*People* **I will, with God's help.***Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?*People* **I will, with God's help.**

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

*During the prayers, the candidates for baptism and their sponsors go with the clergy to the baptismal font.**Leader* Let us now pray for those who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth, and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Deliver them O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.***Leader* Open their heart to your grace and truth.*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.***Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.***Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.***Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.***Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.***Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE BAPTISMS

The Priest says to the candidate

[Name], I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Then the Celebrant places a hand on the candidate's head, marking on their forehead the sign of the cross and saying
You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

THE BAPTISMAL HYMN 296 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

ENGELBERG

All sing. During the hymn, the baptismal party returns to their seats, and the clergy return to the chancel.

THE CONFIRMATIONS

The candidates for confirmation come forward.

The Celebrant lays hands upon each candidate and prays

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant [name] with your Holy Spirit, empower them for your service, and sustain them all the days of their life.

Celebrant Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE RECEPTIONS

The candidates for reception come forward.

The Celebrant greets each candidate, then lays hands upon them and prays

[Name], we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE WELCOME

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All undesignated offerings today will go to the Bishop's discretionary fund of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut for support of emergencies and non-budgeted ministries that arise in the course of the year.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Lacrimosa from Requiem* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)

Lacrimosa dies illa
Qua resurget ex favilla
Judicandus homo reus.
Huic ergo parce, Deus:
Pie Jesu Domine,
Dona eis requiem. Amen.

*Sorrowful day,
When rising from the dust,
Guilty man to be judged.
God have mercy,
Compassionate Lord Jesus,
Grant them peace. Amen.*

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 in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. 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

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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.

If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.

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 God be in my head

Henry Walford Davies (1869–1941)

Words: Sarum Primer, 1514, found at Hymn 694



The apparent simplicity of God be in my head, with its repetition of the key phrase, suddenly gives way to very effective harmonic sophistication on the word "heart" that lays the path for the twilight ambience of the final phrase. H. Walford Davies was composer and musical director at the University of Wales as well as organist at, among others, Temple Church, where his student Leopold Stokowski (later one of the leading conductors of the 20th century) assisted him.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 253 Give us the wings of faith to rise

SAN ROCCO

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 618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Toccata

Flor Peeters (1903–1986)

*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 and Preacher: The Right Reverend Laura Ahrens

Assisting: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald, the Reverend Margie Baker

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: David Beers

The St. John's Youth Choir

Organist & Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Organ Scholar: Ted Babbitt

Chaplain to the Bishop: Elsa Ciscel

Acolytes: Bradley Crocker, Genella Evans, Isabel Grant

Ushers: Emmy Aziz, Robert Eikel, Julia O'Brien, Don Polk

Healing Prayers: Karen Licht

Livestream Oversight: Francis Lamlein

Altar Guild: Bette-Jane Hardersen, Carol Sonne

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

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CANDIDATES FOR RECEPTION IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Joseph Daniel Duffy, Angela Lynn Allen-Peck, Caleb Paul Story Peck

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	Duccio Rosselli del Turco	
Margaret Thomas	Renee Corey		

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Maxom Goetz
Lynda Proctor
Britt Emerick
Matthew Hart

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Trinity, Wethersfield; St. Paul's, Willimantic, St. Matthew's, Wilton; and for all deacons, the Deacons' Council, and the Province I School for Deacons.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

On this All Saints Day, we remember the beloved of this parish who wait for us on the other shore, including the following people who were prayed for by name at the All Souls Mass on November 2.

Habib Abdo
Nestor
Efrosini
Thomas Abraham
Thomas John Alferi
Ira Bachand
Mary Bachand
Carol Bachand
Carol G. Bates
Cassie Beal
Dorothy & James Brierley
Franklin Graham Brown
Katherine Carroll
Charles H. Chambers
Eileen Gray Coates
Erika Gray Coates
Heitor José Lopes Cruz
Andrew Jeffrey Degan
Mirna K. DeRone
Nicky Dhaliwal
Margaret E. Dimmitt
Khalda Logan Eaton
Marko Evica
Alycia & George Michael Evica
John Fanning
Judith A. Gardiner

Frederick & Faye Frick
Donald Gavin
Jean Gerrard
Gwain Gillespie
Janet Gillespie
Robin Gillespie
Bess Valeas George
Alfred & Adele Haddad
Adla Hannon
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Susan Moore Hart
Bill & Toni Hutchinson
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William E. Knorr
Robert W. Knorr
Ann Koucky
Jane E. Kozlowski
Edward Lamlein
Michelina & Vincent Lategano
Helen Lockery
Susan Lockery
Robert Lockery
Carrie & Ralph Macciarola
Fred Marchion
Thomas Harry McGehee

Barbara Fenger McKernin
Ruth R. Skeele Montgomery
Bill Moore
Audre F. Morrison
Frank J. Murray, Jr.
Janet Myers
Byron B. Renz
Rich Santanella
Edward & Lillian Shaker
Emily Shaker
George & Betty Shaker
Joseph & Sadie Shaker
Rose Shaker
Robert B. Skeele
Anna Stippich
Walter Szwesz
Dawn S. Thompson
Edward Townsend
Joan Trautman
William Ulrich
Joseph John Uricchio
Shirley LaValley Uricchio
Guy Verney
Julie Verney
Barbara C. Whitcher

Pipes Alive! with Scott Lamlein, TODAY AT 12:30 p.m. Today's Pipes Alive! organ recital will feature our own Scott Lamlein playing music by Hurd, Howells, Cooman, Laurin, and Vierre. Free admission, with donations gratefully accepted.

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/>

Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist, Thursday, November 25, 10 a.m. Join us for a service of Thanksgiving, with hymns and the Reverend Todd FitzGerald preaching and presiding. All are welcome!

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 cups of soup (with a roll), hot cider, 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 need LOTS of help! Here are some of the ways you can make this year's festival a success:

- **Make** soup, crafts, or baked goods to sell, or **donate** rolls, cider, and donuts to be sold at the Festival Café. Sign up at smparish.net/christmasfestivaldonate
- **Put a lawn sign in your yard to publicize the event.** Signs are available to pick up at either entrance to the nave.
- **Donate goods or services to the online auction.** Ideas include gift cards, quality holiday gifts (toys, puzzles, games, etc.), artwork, homemade holiday food, or professional services. Contact Ginny Kemp at virginialeekemp@gmail.com.
- **Come to the annual wreath decorating night on Thursday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m.** We'll provide evergreen wreaths and an assortment of small ornaments and ribbons, along with some snacks and beverages. Bring additional wreath adornments and tools if you'd like (pliers, scissors, hot glue gun, etc.) All are welcome!
- **Help set up, staff, and clean up on the day of the festival.** Sign up at smparish.net/christmasfestivalhelp
- **Invite your neighbors, friends, and family to attend!**

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

Making St. John's a Safe Place for All

In the 2nd chapter of the letter to the Ephesians, the author writes: "So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone." As a community of faith, we are members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the faithful who have gone before us at St. John's, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. Upon this firm foundation, St. John's Church has been worshipping God and growing in faith for almost 180 years.

We currently have much to celebrate at St. John's, as we launch a new program year with Todd FitzGerald as our new priest in charge. With masks required and distancing encouraged, we have returned to in-person worship with singing and communion, as well as on-site Christian education, concerts, and more. These new beginnings have led us to review our policies and practices, including those intended to keep our community safe and healthy.

- All employees, along with volunteers who work with children, oversee money, and fill certain other roles, must complete a **background check**.
- **Safe Church Training**¹ is required for employees and certain volunteers, including the vestry and those who work with children, and is recommended for all church members. Grounded in our call to seek and serve Christ in all persons and respect the dignity of every human being, this free training provided by the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT) reviews practices for ensuring that all who participate in church activities, especially the most vulnerable (such as children and elders), are safe.
- We have **safeguards in place to protect everyone in our community while welcoming individuals who have sinned, repented, and are seeking amendment of life**, such as someone with a criminal record. In the case of a registered sex offender attending worship, the ECCT provides a covenant² entered into by the offender and the clergy on behalf of the parish, which sets clear boundaries and supervision guidelines to promote the safety of all who worship here. As we seek to be faithful to the Great Commandment, to love God and love neighbor as self, we strive to welcome other sinners who sincerely seek worship, discipleship, and an opportunity to experience the love of Christ.
- As we have learned throughout the pandemic, clear guidelines for behaviors and practices enable us to gather safely as a community of faith. For example, we have learned the benefits of **mask wearing, maintaining physical distance, and vaccinations** to protect all members of the community against Covid-19. We will continue to allow our local health situation and expert recommendations to inform our Covid guidelines.
- With St. John's located on a major street and bus line, the safety of our property and people in the building is a priority. **Security cameras and a computerized locking system on church doors** allow us to control and monitor traffic in the building. These devices help us maintain an open and welcoming environment, while guarding the safety of all who use our buildings.
- In accord with the ECCT's guidelines regarding consumption of alcoholic beverages,³ we adhere to **rules for the serving of alcohol** in the building (and at church functions off-site), and require outside groups using our building to do likewise.

These measures are in place to help us, as the body of Christ, to be faithful to our calling as members of the household of God.

If you have questions about these or other issues related to the safety of our community, please reach out to the clergy or wardens.

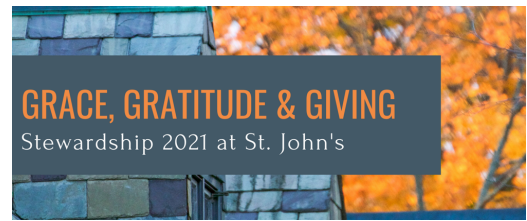
¹ <https://www.episcopalct.org/Find-Resources/General-Parish-Operations/Safe-Church-Resources/>

² <https://www.episcopalct.org/Find-Resources/Parish-Administration-and-Finance/Policies/>

³ <https://www.episcopalct.org/Find-Resources/General-Parish-Operations/Safe-Church-Resources/Model-Policy-on-Alcohol-for-Parishes/>

Our stewardship campaign will culminate next Sunday, November 14th, on Commitment Sunday.

By now you have heard a lot about stewardship at St. John's. You have received two stewardship brochures full of information about who we are as a parish, the ministries we support, and how we need your support to continue all that we do. You have also heard statements from our rector and staff and from fellow parishioners about why they support St. John's.



How can you make your pledge?

- By bringing your pledge card to church on Commitment Sunday 11/14
- By returning your pledge card to the church office via mail or drop-off
- Online at sjparish.net/pledge
- By scanning the QR code in our two stewardship mailings (which will take you to our website's stewardship page, where you may click on the "Pledge Online" button)

How can I pay my pledge?

- Pledges can be paid weekly, monthly, in one annual sum, or occasionally throughout the year as your situation allows. If you would like special offering envelopes dated for weekly giving, please check off that option on your pledge card.
- Pledges can be paid electronically, by setting up a one-time payment or recurring payments on our website (go to sjparish.net/resources-giving/) or using your bank's online bill pay service.

What is Commitment Sunday?

St John's will celebrate the ingathering of pledges on Sunday, November 14th. Please bring your completed pledge cards to the service that day to be placed in the offering plate and blessed at the altar. There will also be an opportunity to place an expression of gratitude in the offering plate. Extra pledge cards will be in the pews.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of our annual giving campaign. We are grateful for everyone's contribution of whatever amount you are able to 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).

EYC THIS WEEK

Global Philanthropy Leaders begins this week. Details in Children, Youth, and Family News. Question? email margie@sjparish.net Sunday, 11/7 5-7pm

Help local families in need this Christmas!

St. John's is pleased to continue our Christmas tradition of sponsoring 60 children in the Stronger Future Stronger Families network again this year. Your contribution provides good cheer and lasting memories to the tiniest clients and their families, as they will receive holiday relief with your assistance.

To keep everyone safe again this year, we are asked to purchase gift cards to fulfill a family's wish list. We know that St. John's parishioners can make this Christmas brighter for many local families!

Here are suggestions for store gift cards to donate in amounts of \$10-\$50:

- Toy Stores (Disney, Lego, Build-A-Bear, Walmart, Big Lots, Job Lots)
- Grooming services (SuperCuts, Top Nails, Bath & Body Works)
- Affordable clothing stores (Marshalls, TJ Maxx, Burlington, Target)
- Groceries (Aldi, Stop&Shop, Shop Rite, Price Chopper)
- Car Service or Gas (AutoZone, Citgo, Sunoco, Cumberland Farms)
- Restaurants (Chili's, Olive Garden, Domino's, Dunkin' Donuts)

Please consider adding a gift card to your order when you are out shopping for your own family. If you prefer, you can make a financial contribution and we will shop for you (please note "Christmas Gift Card" on your check).

Donations are due by **Wednesday, December 1**. Place gift cards in an envelope marked "Christmas Gift Card" and:

1. Drop off at the church office during office hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday). Come to the office entrance and ring the bell; if no one answers or you come after hours, you may drop your envelope in the black metal mailbox.
2. Mail to the church office postmarked by Monday, November 22nd.
3. Bring to church on Sundays in November and place your envelope in the collection plate.
4. Contact Leah or Jillian to make arrangements to pick up your donation if you are homebound.

Thanks in advance for your generosity! Contact Jillian Puzzo at jillianpuzzo@gmail.com or Leah Murchie at murchlt@comcast.net with any questions.



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Sunday, November, 7, 2021 | 12:30

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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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