

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

October 31, 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. Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday for all ages.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Woodland Sketches Op. 51
 No. 2, Will o' the wisp
 No. 4, in Autumn
 No. 1, To a wild rose

Edward MacDowell (1860–1908)

Pi-Hsun Shih, piano

THE OPENING HYMN 372 Praise to the living God!
All stand and sing.

LEONI

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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

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

People **Amen.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



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



Title: Cantic 20, *Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis*

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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 merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:1–9

All sit.

Moses said: Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:1–8

I love you, O LORD my strength.

- Antiphon*

Hebrews 9:11–14

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN For the fruit of all creation

AR HYD Y NOS

All stand and sing.

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 found us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000), alt.
 MUSIC: Welsh melody; lyrics: Luther O. Emerson (1820-1915)
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THE GOSPEL

Mark 12:28-34

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

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

One of the scribes came near and heard the Sadducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' — this is much more

important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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 our prayers to the Lord our God who calls on us to love our neighbors as ourselves, 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 diligently keep God's commandments and be signs of God's love to all in need. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For the people of St. John's, that the Spirit will guide and empower us to live our lives in service to others, particularly those to whom we find it hard to relate. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For all those throughout the world who struggle against oppression, hunger, violence, and disease, that justice will flow like water, and hope blossom in every heart. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For joy in God's creation, and a sense of urgency in preserving and protecting the earth and its resources for future generations. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially the people of Haiti, the missionaries held captive there, the people of Afghanistan, the people of Sudan, and those known to us in need of healing and hope, especially those on our parish prayer list, that God will hear their cry. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For those who have died, that they may live in the light and peace of God's presence for ever. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

Celebrant Gracious God, hear the prayers we offer you this day and grant that we may embrace your service and know the glorious liberty of the children of God. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. **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 Oh, be swift to love, make haste to be kind Nancy Grundahl (b. 1946)
Words by Henri-Frédéric Amiel



Nancy Grundahl is a conductor, composer, and soloist, and holds vocal performance degrees from St. Olaf College and the University of Minnesota. In addition to her position with the Riverside Singers of Augsburg University, she is the conductor of the Angelica Cantanti Concert Choir, a youth choir based in Bloomington, Minn., and is the director of music at Mayflower U.C.C. in Minneapolis. More than 60 of her arrangements and compositions for choirs have been published.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN
All stand.

OLD 100TH

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues.

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

THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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

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All remain standing or kneel.

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

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

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy

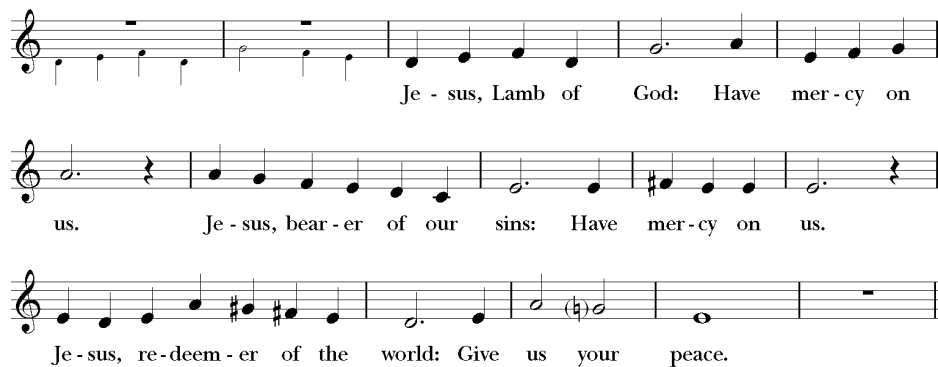
Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM



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 Come, renew us

Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

Words: David Adam

Come, Lord, come to us. Enter our darkness with your light,
 Fill our emptiness with your presence,
 Come, refresh, restore, renew us.
 In our sadness come as joy, in our troubles, come as peace,
 In our fearfulness, come as hope, in our darkness, come as light,
 In our frailty, come as strength, in our loneliness, come as love,
 Come, refresh, restore, renew us.



Eleanor Daley is a Canadian composer, performer, and accompanist. She received her bachelor of music degree in organ performance from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, and holds diplomas in both organ and piano from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto and Trinity College in England. She has been the director of music at Fairlawn Heights United Church in Toronto since 1982. During that time, she has established a thriving choral program for which much of her choral music has been composed. This lovely anthem was commissioned in 2011 for Christ Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Stuart Forster, director of music and organist, in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

THE COMMUNION HYMN Ubi Caritas

All remain seated and sing.

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
 Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
 live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

Music: Jacques Berthier, from Songs and Prayers from Taizé

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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 495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

IN BABILONE

All sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Toccata from Suite Gothique

Léon Boëllmann (1862–1897)

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

Layreader: Jyothsna Diaz

The St. John's Adult Choir

Organist & Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Organ Scholar: Ted Babbitt

Assisting Pianist: Pi-Hsun Shih

Acolytes: James Baker, Dorian Ciscel, Elsa Ciscel

Ushers: Emmy Aziz, Don Polk, Paul Shaker

Healing Prayers: Wes Winterbottom

Livestream Oversight: Ray Giolitto

Altar Guild: Buffy Ineson, Bill Lockery

Nursery Staff: Kiley Murphy, Olivia Thaxton

Sunday School Teachers: Margie Baker, Matt Ciscel, Susan Thaxton, Angela Allen-Peck

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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	Edie
Joanne	Joan	Duccio Rosselli del Turco	
Margaret Thomas	Renee Corey		

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Colin Gillespie	Kathy Marshall
Savannah Marchion	Charlotte Needham
Christine Doty	Trig Cooley
Morgan Roche	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Nina & Duccio Rosselli del Turco
Francine & Stephan Christiansen

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Paul's, Westbrook; Emmanuel, Weston; Christ & Holy Trinity, Westport; and for clergy peer groups and the Clergy Family Assistance Program.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

Trunk or Treat at St. John's, TODAY, 4 to 5:30 p.m. It's not too late to participate!

- **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.

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 by Wednesday, November 3,** if you'd like to attend (860-523-5201 or 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 Vienne. 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. (

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/>

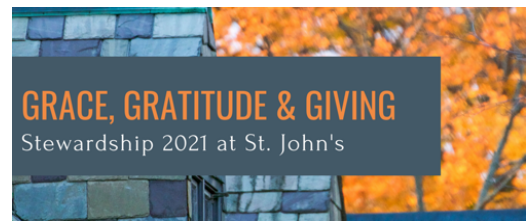
³ <https://www.episcopalct.org/Find-Resources/General-Parish-Operations/Safe-Church-Resources/Model-Policy-on-Alcohol-for-Parishes/>

As you consider how to financially support St. John's, please consider making an annual pledge. This is your commitment to give a certain amount to the church in 2022, either weekly, monthly, in one lump sum, or occasionally throughout the year, as fits your financial situation.

We give thanks for plate offerings and all non-pledge gifts, which are crucial to support our vibrant community and programs. However, we will develop our budget late this year based on the results of our stewardship campaign, and **only** annual pledges enable our vestry to budget and create a financial plan for the year ahead. The budget is the basis for all our important staffing and program decisions.

The amount of your pledge is an individual decision, and will reflect your own life situation and sense of commitment to the church. **The stewardship goal this year is to receive a pledge from *everyone*. Please know that pledges of any amount are welcome and necessary for our ministries.**

Pledge cards have been mailed to homes, and are also available to pick up here, at either entrance to the church. We hope to receive completed pledge cards **on or before Commitment Sunday, November 14th**. You may also pledge online at sparish.net/pledge. For more information, go to sparish.net/giving, and/or reach out to our stewardship chairs, Kim Byrd (kimberley.byrd@comcast.net) or Matt Ciscel (matt.ciscel@gmail.com).

A poster for All Souls Mass. The background is dark with a close-up of lit candles on the left. The text is in white and yellow. At the bottom left is a logo of a cross inside a stylized archway.

ALL SOULS MASS

Choral Holy Eucharist
Tuesday, November 2, 2021
7 pm

*Give rest, O Christ, to
your servants with your
saints, where sorrow
and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life
everlasting.*

St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford, CT

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

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.**

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

Pipes Alive!

Sunday, November, 7, 2021 12:30
livestreamed from www.reddoormusic.org

SCOTT LAMLEIN
Organist




MUSIC AT THE RED DOOR
WWW.REDDOORMUSIC.ORG

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.



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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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The Rev. Todd FitzGerald (todd@sjparish.net).....	<i>Priest in Charge</i>
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Virginia Van Dyk	<i>Warden</i>
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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	