

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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## *The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

FESTAL EUCHARIST

*December 24, 2021*

*4:00 p.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](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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## THE CHORAL PRELUDE

*The St. John's Youth & Alumni Choir*

HYMN 102, vv. 1, 2, 4, 6 Once in royal David's city  
*The soloist sings verse 1, the choir sings verse 2, and all sing verses 4 and 6.*

IRBY

Sofia Jones, soloist

ANTHEM No small wonder

Paul Edwards (b. 1955)

Text: Paul Wigmore (1925–2014)

Small wonder the star,  
 Small wonder the light,  
 The angels in chorus,  
 The shepherds in fright;  
 But stable and manger for God –  
 No small wonder!

Small wonder the kings,  
 Small wonder they bore  
 The gold and the incense,  
 The myrrh, to adore:  
 But God gives his life on a cross –  
 No small wonder!

Small wonder the love,  
 Small wonder the grace,  
 The power, the glory,  
 The light of his face;  
 But all to redeem my poor heart –  
 No small wonder!

*The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ*  
**FESTAL EUCHARIST**

THE OPENING HYMN 83, vv. 1, 2, 3, 6 O come, all ye faithful  
*All stand and sing.*

ADESTE FIDELES

arr. David Willcocks (1919–2015)

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

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

Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 9:2–7**All sit.*

**T**he people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 96*

*The people say the responses in **bold** and sing the Antiphon as indicated.*



- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 **Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \***  
**proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \***  
**he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 **Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \***  
**Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \***  
**bring offerings and come into his courts.**
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

*Antiphon*

- 10 **Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."**
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the Lord when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 13 **He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.**

*Antiphon*

## THE EPISTLE

*Titus 2:11–14*

**F**or the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN 115 What child is this

GREENSLEEVES

*All stand and sing.*

## THE GOSPEL

*Luke 2:1–14**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**I**n those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

*All sit.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The people say the words in bold.*

Let us pray to God, who came among us in the birth of Jesus.

Gracious God, as a star arose, and drew people from great distances to Bethlehem that they might greet the Christ child: Draw us, your Church, and all of your people to you, that we might be the people you call us to be. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As you gave Mary your Holy Spirit, filling her with the delight of your Presence: Fill us with your Spirit, and renew our lives, our faith, and our hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As Gentiles streamed to Jesus's light, and kings to the brightness of his rising: Draw our nation, our president, and all in authority to his brightness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As angels sang "Gloria" to you, proclaiming peace on earth and goodwill among all people: Help us to share your peace with the world, and bring an end to terror and strife. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As shepherds were drawn away from their flocks by night: Draw us to greater knowledge and love of you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As Jesus was born in a manger, because there was no room in the inn: Be present with those who have nowhere to lay their head, those who are vulnerable, and those who are hungry, and inspire us to make room for them in our lives and communities. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As the Holy Family gathered in Bethlehem, and traveled together to far-off lands: Bless all families, especially the families of our parish, and protect those who travel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As your son came to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, and the gift of eternal life: Give to the departed eternal rest, and let light perpetual shine on them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially for those on our parish prayer list. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* O Lord our God, may the light and hope of this holy night remind us that you are among us, that you hear our prayers, and that you will be with us always, even to the end of the age. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth we pray,

*People* **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

### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM My eyes for beauty pine

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)  
Text: Robert Bridges (1844–1930)

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddes grace,  
No other care or hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above;  
'Tis named when God's name is said, 'tis love, 'tis heavenly love.

And every heart that burns with true desire,  
Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.



## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>*All stand.*

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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.*People* **We lift them to the Lord.***Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.***The Celebrant continues.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary, his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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: from *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

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*All remain standing or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death.**

**We proclaim his resurrection.**

**We await his coming in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

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, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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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, 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.*

## THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Nativity carol

Words and music by John Rutter (b. 1945)

Born in a stable so bare,  
Born so long ago;  
Born 'neath light of star  
He who loved us so.

Wise men from distant far land,  
 Shepherds from starry hills  
 Worship this babe so rare,  
 Hearts with his warmth he fills.

Cradled by mother so fair,  
 Tender her lullaby;  
 Over her son so dear  
 Angel hosts fill the sky.

Far away silent he lay,  
 Born today, your homage pay,  
 For Christ is born for aye,  
 Born on Christmas Day.

### THE COMMUNION HYMN 101 Away in a manger

CRADLE SONG

*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 POSTCOMMUNION HYMN 111 Silent night

STILLE NACHT

*Please kneel. The ushers will come around to light candles on the aisles; please pass the flame until all candles are lit.*

### THE BLESSING

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

### THE CLOSING HYMN 87 Hark! the herald angels sing

MENDELSSOHN

*All stand and sing.*

arr. David Willcocks (1919–2015)

### THE DISMISSAL

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

### THE VOLUNTARY Final from Symphonie I

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

*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 Margie Baker**Preacher:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Jeff Verney**Psalterer:** Cate Emerick**The St. John's Youth and Alumni Choir:**

Cate Emerick, *Head Chorister*; Sofia Jones, *Prefect*; Eden Baker, James Baker, Sahara Barrow, Isabel Castillo, Benjamin Clapp, Elsa Ciscel, Dana Crocker, Jayden Donnelly, Mason Donnelly, Jx Eikel, Britt Emerick, Virginia Eikel, Emma Evica, Stella FitzGerald, Livvy Lorenzo, Blythe Peck, Daaé Ransom

**Organist & Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Organ Scholar:** Ted Babbitt**Acolytes:** Dawson Biondi, Elise Biondi, Claire O'Brien**Ushers:** Matt Ciscel, Annabel Clapp, Steve Crocker, Robert Eikel, Geoff Emerick**Livestream Oversight:** Elijah Clapp**Altar Guild:** Kate Eikel, Buffy Ineson

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**Weekly Offering Envelopes**

If you requested weekly offering envelopes when you turned in your 2022 pledge, you may pick up your envelopes in the narthex (the red door entrance). Please look for the envelopes with your name and address on them. If you did not request envelopes but would like them, please contact Ellen in the parish office.

**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	Gary Wait
Margaret Thomas	Deb Christiansen	Peter	Bruce Bauer
L.B.	Mary		

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Marshall Cook	Jackie Wells	Bob Hoffman
Winston Booker	Harriet Odum	Virginia Eikel
David Murphy	Alycia Montas	Genella Evans
Carolyn Giliberto	Dorian Ciscel	Paul Faude

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. Luke/St. Paul, Bridgeport; St. John's, Bridgeport; St. Mark's, Bridgeport; and for the children of the world, the Bishops' Fund for Children, and all ECCT ministries for children at risk.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

## Christmas Flower Offerings

*The poinsettias are given to the Glory of God and:*

*In honor of:*

Patricia A. Chambers

Leslie Carl Smith, II

*In memory of:*

Carol Bachand  
 Ira and Mary Bachand  
 Shepard W. Baker  
 Mary Bierwirth  
 Ruth and Lawrence Buckner  
 Carol H. Byrd  
 Elaine Byrd  
 Mary Gehringer Byrd  
 Charles H. Chambers  
 Damon B. Clemow  
 Janet Cochran  
 Wendy Wright Collins  
 Cyril and Mildred Connolly  
 Deane Connolly  
 Michael Connolly, Sr.  
 Renee Corey  
 Katherine Rogers Coward  
 Adrian Edward Crocker  
 John Frank Shears Crocker  
 Margaret E. Dimmitt  
 Robert K. Dimmitt  
 Ruth and Bill Eakins  
 Robert Eikel  
 Helen H. and John Paul Faude  
 John Paul Faude, Jr.  
 Wilson Hinsdale Faude  
 Edmund W. Flynn  
 Donald Gavin  
 Virginia Pfeil Gregory  
 Richard Harrington Gregory, Jr.  
 John and Carol Grieco  
 Alfred Haddad  
 Marge Hardge  
 Charles R. Harris  
 Orson Henry Hart Jr.  
 Susan Moore Hart

Donald J. Hayes  
 Elizabeth Hetherington  
 Noble and Sara Hetherington  
 Sue Jacques  
 Renee Jacques  
 Carolyn and Paul Jeanneret  
 Herb and Betty Keating  
 Robert W. Knorr  
 William E. Knorr  
 Ann Koucky  
 Elsa M. Lattey  
 Erik F. Lattey  
 Mary and Richard Lawrence  
 Lockery, Marchion, and Masse Families  
 Sadie and Ernest MacLaughlin  
 Bill Moore  
 Edward and Eleanor d'Este Mosehauer  
 Charles D. and Janet M. Peterson  
 Robert F. and Abbie V.S. Peterson  
 George and Edith Phillips  
 John and Grace Potter  
 Andrya Ramer  
 Robert and Sara Reiersen  
 Frank and Mary Reilly  
 Francis P. Reilly  
 Byron Renz  
 Shirley Roos  
 Shaker Family  
 Doris and Oscar Sodergren  
 Thomas R. Tight  
 Shirley LaValley Uricchio  
 Joseph John Uricchio  
 George E. and Abbie Baxter Van Siclen  
 Guy Verney  
 Julie Verney  
 M. Searle Wright



**Christmas Day Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m.** Join us for Christmas Day Holy Eucharist with hymns. The Reverend Margie Baker will preach and preside.

**Office hours during Christmas week & notes on year-end giving.** The parish office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 27 and 28, and Friday, December 31. The office will be open (with limited staffing/hours) on Wednesday and Thursday, December 29 and 30. As has been noted in previous announcements, **for your contributions of cash or checks to appear on your 2021 year-end giving statement, they must be received in the St. John's office by Tuesday, December 28.** If you wish to drop off a contribution when the office is closed, you may leave it in the secure mailbox at the parish office entrance. Gifts/pledge payments received after that date, and online gifts/pledge payments made via our web site after today, are unlikely to post to our bank account until early January, so would appear on your 2022 giving statement (even if in payment of a 2021 pledge).

**Can you guess which St. John's staff member this is?** Perhaps, like him, you rocked a classic bowl haircut in your childhood, but we want to see how your style has evolved! Please send us your updated family/individual photo so we can update our parish directory.

We produce parish directories in-house using our membership database software and photocopier. Between now and January, we are updating contact information and parishioner photos, so we can print an updated directory after the new year. In addition to **updated photos**, we need **updated contact info** (especially if you've moved, changed your email, or dropped your landline in recent years).



And did you know that in addition to listing birthdays in the bulletin, we have started sending birthday cards to parishioners this year? We can only send one to YOU if we have your **date of birth** in our database! We will never share your birth year or age. We also like to recognize **wedding anniversaries**, so please send those dates too! Send info and photos to Ellen at [ellen@sjparish.net](mailto:ellen@sjparish.net).

**You can also access our parish directory through a password-protected smartphone app!** Download the "ACS Church Life" app and then contact Ellen, who will provide you with a user name and password. The app allows you to look up contact info and photos of other church members, and to update your own record.

**Pipes Alive! with Christopher Houlihan, January 2, 12:30 p.m.** Our series of organ recitals featuring regional artists continues with Christopher Houlihan, organist at the Trinity College Chapel, performing a selection of Christmas carols along with Mendelssohn's Sonata No. 1 in F minor, op. 65. Free admission with donations accepted.

**Twelfth Night Tree Burning & Movie Night, Friday, January 7, 5:30 p.m.** It has become a unique and beloved tradition here at St. John's to mark the end of the Christmas season/beginning of Epiphany by burning a Christmas tree (or several) outdoors, following strict fire safety protocols, of course. Join us at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, January 7 for the tree burning, followed by a family movie night in Hubbard Hall. You are welcome to bring your own dinner or snacks. Everyone is invited — bring a friend!

**Choral Evensong, Sunday, January 23, 5 p.m.** Join us for a service of Choral Evensong, featuring the St. John's Schola, on January 23 at 7 p.m. Evensong is an ancient and beautiful tradition that offers us the opportunity to gather and pray while listening and participating in music that is specially selected to bring us into deeper understanding of the mysteries of our faith.

Monthly half-hour concerts on  
St. John's mighty Austin organ

# Pipes Alive!

Sunday, January 2, 2022, 12:30 p.m.

In-person and livestreamed  
[reddoormusic.org](http://reddoormusic.org)

Christopher Houlihan  
Organist



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[WWW.REDDOORMUSIC.ORG](http://WWW.REDDOORMUSIC.ORG)

# Evensong

Limited in-person seating and livestreamed at [reddoormusic.org](http://reddoormusic.org)

Sunday, January 23 at 5 p.m.

St. John's Schola

St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford

# TWELFTH NIGHT TREE BURNING

Friday, January 7, 2022 at 5:30pm

Followed by an indoor family movie night in Hubbard Hall. Bring your own dinner if you'd like.

Join us as we say goodbye to Christmas and welcome Epiphany, a season of light in darkest winter.

We follow fire safety regulations.



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## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Christian formation for all ages

10:30 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist

(also livestreamed at [sjparish.net/services](http://sjparish.net/services))

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

## STAFF

The Rev. Todd FitzGerald ( <a href="mailto:todd@sjparish.net">todd@sjparish.net</a> ).....	<i>Priest in Charge</i>
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## 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	