

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

January 16, 2022

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 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. While a nursery staffed by high school students is normally available on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon, *we are temporarily closing the nursery during the current Covid surge*. Parents are still welcome to use the nursery if you need a changing table or a quiet spot. Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. for all ages.

Cover image: *Bethlehem's Star* by James Fissel



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Down by the Riverside
 His Eye is on the Sparrow
 This Little Light of Mine

The Hot Cat Jazz Band

By now you have noticed that things are a little different this morning! Our music today is led by the Hot Cat Jazz Band, a local band that specializes in jazz worship and does many of these services throughout Connecticut every year. Two of our choral anthems are in traditional a capella style, paying tribute to the Rev'd Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. But everything else, including and especially the hymns, are a time for you to tap your toes and sing praise with freedom and joy.

THE OPENING HYMN, vv. 1, 2, 4 Mine eyes have seen the glory

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

All stand and sing.

1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the
 2. I have seen Him in the watch - fires of a
 3. He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall
 4. In the beau - ty of the lil - ies, Christ was

1. com - ing of the Lord; He is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the
 2. hund - red cir - cling camps, They have build - ed Him an al - tar in the
 3. nev - er sound re - treat, He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be -
 4. born a - cross the sea, With a glo - ry in His bos - om that trans -

1. grapes of wrath are stored; He has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of His
 2. eve - ning dews and damps; I can read His right - eous sent - ence by the
 3. fore His judge - ment seat; O be swift, my soul, to an - swer Him! Be
 4. fig - ures you and me; As He died to make men ho - ly, let us

1. ter - ri - ble swift sword, His truth is march - ing on.
 2. dim and flar - ing lamps, His day is march - ing on.
 3. ju - bi - lant, my feet! Our God is march - ing on.
 4. live to make all free, While God is march - ing on.

Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

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lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

Words: Julia W. Howe (1819-1910)

Music: Battle Hymn of the Republic, William Steffe; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)

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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. Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 62:1–5**All sit.*

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

*Psalms 36:5–10**The people say the responses in bold.*

- 5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,**
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O Lord.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 **They feast upon the abundance of your house; ***
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.
- 10 **Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, ***
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:1–11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the

interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN, vv. 1, 2, 3, 5 He's got the whole world in his hand

TRADITIONAL

All stand and sing.

1. He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand. He's got the whole world in His hand. He's got the whole world in His hand.

2. He's got you and me sister, etc.
3. He's got you and me brother, etc.

4. He's got the pretty little baby, etc.
5. He's got everybody here, etc.

Words: Traditional

Music: Spiritual; arr. Hezekiah Brinson, Jr. (b. 1958)

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THE GOSPEL

John 2:1–11

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

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good

wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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**.*

Jesus calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light. Let us pray that we may live the life to which he has called us.

Lord Jesus, who was proclaimed as the Christ by John the forerunner, hear us as we pray for all who proclaim your word—for the Church around the world, our bishops and clergy, and this parish family. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Lord Jesus, who baptizes with the Spirit and with fire, strengthen us to withstand the trials of our faith and to be people of compassion, justice, mercy, and peace in a world of violence and division. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Lord Jesus, who brings forgiveness to all who repent, teach us to depend on your grace, and to extend grace and forgiveness to one another. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Lord Jesus, who fulfills God's promises, give hope to all who suffer or are alone, especially those on our parish prayer list. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Lord Jesus, who lifted up the outcast and oppressed, help us to follow the example of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that we may break down barriers and resist oppression in the name of love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Lord Jesus, who was called the Beloved, anoint us with the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Help us to recognize those gifts in ourselves and one another, and to use them wisely in service to God. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Lord Jesus, whose light shines in the darkness, bring all who have died, especially Jim George, to the riches of eternal life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, in you God makes us and all things new. Transform us by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory.

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 MUSIC Just a closer walk with thee

The Hot Cat Jazz Band

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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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

(band intro.....)

Ho - ly, Ho - ly,
 Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are
 full of your glo-ry Ho - san - na in the high - est Bles sed is he
 who comes in - the name of the Lord Ho - san - na
 in the high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est

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.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant Taste and see that the Lord is good. The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

To go forward for Communion, please make a single line in the middle aisle and maintain social distance.

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.

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

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Precious Lord, take my hand

George Allen

arr. Roy Ringwald (1910–1955)

Words by Thomas A. Dorsey

adapted by Joyce Merman following the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Candy Green, soloist

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Bring me home through the night,
Through the dark, through the storm, to thy light.
I have been to the mount, I have seen the promised land,
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Bring thy child home at last,
Where the strife and the pain are all past:
I have dreamed a great dream that thy love shall rule our land,
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Take thy child unto Thee,
With my dream of a world that is free;
For that day when all flesh joins the glory thou hast planned,
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

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, vv. 1-3 We shall overcome

TRADITIONAL

All stand and sing.

We shall o - ver - come, _____ We shall o - ver - come, _____

We shall o - ver - come some - day; _____ Oh, _____

deep in my heart, _____ I do be - lieve, _____ (Oh)

We shall o - ver - come some - day. _____ day.

2. We'll walk hand in hand, today.
3. God is on our side, today.

4. We are not afraid, today.
5. We shall live in peace, someday.

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THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY When the saints go marching in

The Hot Cat Jazz Band

*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.*

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Margie Baker

Preacher: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Kimberley Byrd

The Hot Cat Jazz Band

Trumpet: Ross Tucker; *Clarinet:* Andy Sherwood; *Trombone:* Tom Boates;

Guitar: Sonny Landolfi; *Bass:* Donn Doucette; *Drums:* Sal Ranniello

The St. John's Schola

Organist: Scott Lamlein

Acolytes: Dawson Biondi, Elise Biondi

Ushers: Matt Ciscel, Geoff Emerick, Ellen Flynn

Healing Prayers: Paul Shaker

Livestream Oversight: Elijah Clapp

Altar Guild: Ginny Kemp, Nancy Pedersen

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	Marie	Clark Hendley
Brad Babbitt	William Bittinger	Heather Pelletier	Maria Ferreira
Ward Farrell	Seamus Turco	Tom Reichenbach	Mary
Mary A. Looney	David Lerner	Duccio Rosselli del Turco	Edie
Joanne	Joan	Peter	Gary Wait
Margaret Thomas	Deb Christiansen	Xavyan Otero	Bruce Bauer
L.B.	Mary		

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Giselle Genece	Eloise Rosen
Sam Verney	Aidan Wrubleski
Celia Kosinski	Paige Whittemore
Sophie Hart	Isabel Grant

Those who have died:

Jim George, *brother of June Aziz*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for all ecumenical and interfaith endeavors involving our congregations and people, and for peace and peacemakers.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of England.

Year-end statements listing contributions made in 2021 will be mailed out by January 31.

Monday evening online Bible study resumes tomorrow, January 17, 7 p.m. on Zoom. The next Bible study series will consider stories about Jesus from his birth to his baptism. The Monday evening online Bible study is open to all and requires no preparation or homework! You may drop in now and then or attend every session. The Zoom link is provided in our e-newsletters, or you may contact Margie Baker at margie@sjparish.net to be added to a dedicated e-mail list for the Bible study.

We hope you had some fun seeing childhood photos of the staff and guessing who was who! In case you're still not sure, the answers are below. We used these staff photos to draw attention to our need for updated photos and information for our parish directory, and it worked well! That said, we're still missing photos and information from some people. **If you haven't yet sent in an updated photo and/or information (address, email, phone numbers, birthdays, anniversary dates) for you/your family, please do so TODAY! Email everything to Ellen at ellen@sjparish.net.**

This coming week, we will print a new updated directory and make copies available for parishioners to pick up on Sundays (we can also send them via e-mail or US mail if needed).



Ellen Dollar



Dwight Latif



Todd FitzGerald



Peggy O'Toole



Scott Lamlein



Margie Baker

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 5 p.m. Evensong is an ancient and beautiful tradition that offers us the opportunity to gather and pray while listening to and participating in music that is specially selected to bring us into deeper understanding of the mysteries of our faith.

Contribute to the 2022 Lent Devotional. Each year, we share a Lent devotional created by parishioners, who contribute reflections on the daily scripture reading for each day of Lent. Reflections range from poetry and essays to visual art, with contributors of all ages and stages. *Everyone* is welcome to contribute! You do not need to be a professional theologian, artist, or writer to contribute something meaningful. Go to sjparish.net/lent2022 to choose a reading for your reflection (or ask us to choose a reading for you). **Contributions are due by Monday, February 21.**

St. John's Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 30

The Annual Meeting of the parish will take place on Sunday, January 30 from 9 to 10 a.m. in the church. The meeting will also be livestreamed online for those who are unable to attend in-person. There will be a normal schedule of two Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m., with the meeting taking place between the services.

At the Annual Meeting, the parish holds elections, votes on several annual resolutions, and hears reports from clergy, staff, and lay leaders.

The slate of candidates to be voted on is as follows. Vestry members are elected to three-year terms. Wardens and treasurers are elected for up to three consecutive one-year terms. (Note: Due to a need for leadership continuity during the clergy transition and ongoing pandemic conditions, a decision was made last year to allow the current co-treasurers, Tim Goetz and John Roche, to be nominated for additional one-year terms. This year, Tim will be stepping down as co-treasurer after serving four one-year terms, while John Roche has agreed to continue for a fifth one-year term, after which he will also step down.)

To serve a three-year term on the vestry:

Lissie Brooks
 Marcos Donnelly
 Rosa Guzzo
 David McCary

To serve a one-year term as warden:

Geoff Emerick (third one-year term)
 Kara Hart (first one-year term)

To serve a one-year term as co-treasurer:

Anne Harney (first one-year term)
 John Roche (fifth one-year term)

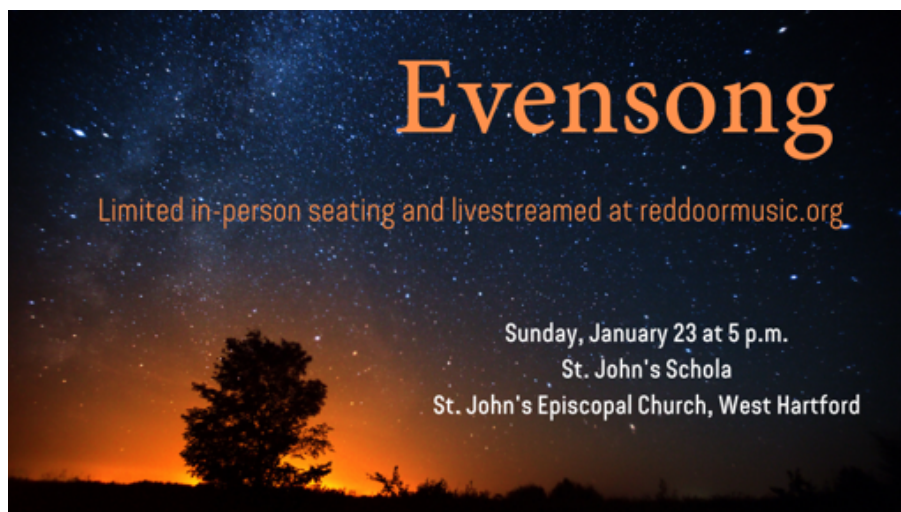
To serve the remaining year of Anne Harney's three-year vestry term:

Annabel Clapp

To serve as delegates to convention:

Geoff Emerick
 Kara Hart
 Alternate: John Roche

Pipes Alive! with Matt Bickett, Sunday, February 6, 12:30 p.m. Join us for the February Pipes Alive! organ recital featuring Matt Bickett, an organist and harpsichordist who is director of music at Somers Congregational Church. Free admission with donations accepted.



Vestry Nominees 2022

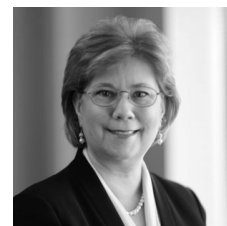
Nominated as Warden



Kara Hart — Kara and her husband Matthew moved to West Hartford in 2017 with their daughters, Sophie and Claire. Previously, they lived in Mansfield, CT and attended Saint Mark's Episcopal Chapel. Since arriving at St. John's, Kara has enjoyed singing with the choir, and has served on the vestry for the past year. By day she applies her background in the study of Spanish to the practice of immigration law. Kara loves spending time with her family and supporting the work of a nonprofit choral organization that is devoted to creating community through choral music.

Nominated as Co-Treasurer

Anne Harney - Anne Harney has been a member of St. John's since the fall of 2012, when she joined with her two teenaged children. Having been drawn to St. John's by the music program, she and her daughter immediately joined the choir. Except for a brief hiatus in 2015–16 to study and sit for the CPA exam, she has remained a member of the choir and considers them a much-loved second family. Anne was raised in Cheshire, CT, and grew up in the Lutheran church there, where her father was minister from 1960–1994. She was educated at the Lutheran-based Concordia College in Bronxville, NY, where she earned her undergraduate degree in mathematics. She joined the Episcopal Church in 1994 at Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY. Having returned to Connecticut in 1998, Anne has been a member of various Episcopal churches in the state. In the last 10 years, she has taken four trips to England with various choirs, to spend a week-in-residence singing daily choral evensong at three different cathedrals — Ely Cathedral, Lincoln Cathedral (twice), and Southwark Cathedral in London — and considers those trips to be definitive in her spiritual and personal growth. Anne currently works as a senior tax manager at the public accounting firm Mahoney Sabol, CPAs, in Glastonbury.



Nominated for a three-year term on the Vestry



Lissie Brooks - Having been a member here at St. John's for more than 40 years, Lissie recently retired as a layreader after more than 30 years and is currently the liaison with the Loaves and Fishes Ministry in Hartford. Lissie's children, Chase and Julia Smith, grew up at St. John's, and Lissie married Lynn Brooks here more than 25 years ago. Having received a BA from the University of Delaware, she later earned a master's in social work from UConn. As of January 1, Lissie is semi-retiring after more than 30 years as a family therapist here in West Hartford, and is grateful for this timely and meaningful opportunity to serve on the vestry.

Marcos Donnelly - Marcos moved to Connecticut from Florida in November 2016 with his husband Matteo and two kids Jayden and Mason. He is Cuban but moved to the US in 2000. Marcos grew up in a Baptist church, where his father served as pastor. Since his early years, he was involved in church life, especially in music and education. When he met his husband Matteo (who comes from a Catholic background) they decided to get married in an Episcopal Church. They started attending St. Gregory's Church in Boca Raton in 2010, growing into different ministries including serving as ushers and Lay Eucharistic Ministers. They were received into the Episcopal Church in 2011. After moving to Connecticut, they were searching for a church that spoke to their hearts, and after visiting different parishes, finally found St. John's in 2019, where the red doors were opened to them with a warm welcome and love. By profession, Marcos is a massage therapist and has his own studio. He loves music, movies, and reading. He also enjoys spending time with his family and helping at church anytime possible. He serves as a choir parent and has volunteered with choir camp, the Christmas Festival, and other activities.





Rosa Guzzo – Rosa has been a member of St. John’s since 2008, shortly after she moved to West Hartford from San Diego with her husband Steve Crocker. They were initially drawn to worship at St John’s for its welcoming clergy, magnificent choir, children’s program, and strong sense of community. She and her family are active members of the St. John’s community: Rosa serves on the altar guild, Steve is an usher, and they are choir parents to daughter Dana (11), while their son Bradley (14) is an acolyte. Professionally, Rosa is an

assistant professor in the School of Medicine at the University of Connecticut Health Center, where she runs an NIH-funded musculoskeletal research lab, and is associate director of the graduate program in skeletal biology and regeneration. In her free time, Rosa loves spending time with her family, and enjoys reading and walking their puppy.

David McCary - Dave has been a member of St. John’s for five years. He was baptized, confirmed, and married in the Episcopal Church. He and his wife Tina raised three children in West Hartford, and recently welcomed their first grandson into the family. Having graduated Middlebury College with a BA in economics and Dartmouth’s Tuck Business School with an MBA in finance, over the last 40 years, Dave has been an institutional investment advisor (Aetna Realty Investors, Inc.), an entrepreneur starting four businesses in finance, and an ultra-high net worth wealth manager (Manufacturers Hanover Trust in NYC and his current company McCary Anheuser Wealth Management, LLC). He also



currently sits on three boards of directors and their investment committees, helping them oversee \$100+ million in investments: The University of Hartford Art School Endowment, The Connecticut Episcopal Bishops Fund, and the Colt Family Bequest. While at St. John’s, Dave has served on the Stewardship Committee and shared his professional photography skills with the committee and other church publications. He also recently graduated from St. John’s four-year Education for Ministry (EFM) course. He has enjoyed becoming a member of the St. John’s community, and with his wife Tina, looks forward to many more years of fellowship with this wonderful Christian community.

Nominated to serve the remaining year of Anne Harney’s three-year vestry term



Annabel Clapp - Annabel is delighted to be serving a one-year term on the vestry, and she is looking forward to supporting St. John’s as it enters a new and exciting phase of leadership. Annabel has been a member of St. John’s since 2009, and has held several positions of responsibility within the church since then. For several years, Annabel was chair and co-chair for the annual Christmas Festival, and returned as a member of the Christmas Festival committee for the 2021 event. Annabel also served on the vestry when the Reverend Susan Pinkerton was appointed as rector, and more recently was on the search committee that selected the Reverend Margie Baker as our curate (now assistant rector). Annabel has been a

Sunday School teacher for the Nursery and Elementary years and she continues to serve as an usher. She is married to Elijah (livestream facilitator some Sundays) and mother to Benjamin (member of the Youth Choir and EYC). Professionally, Annabel is a full-time speech-language pathologist (SLP) for West Hartford Public Schools. Born in England, Annabel loves returning to her home country in the summer, but also enjoys the four seasons that Connecticut offers. She has been a cast member of West Hartford Hauntings for the past two years!

Between Birth & Baptism

Jesus' infancy and childhood in
Matthew, Luke, and other sources

Jan. 17 Introduction, Infancy Gospel of Thomas, Quran

Jan. 24 Luke 2:8-21 (shepherds keeping watch)

Jan. 31 Luke 2:22-40 (Simeon and Anna)

Feb. 7 Matthew 2:1-12 (wise men from the East)

Feb. 14 Valentine's Day (no meeting)

Feb. 21 Matthew 2:13-23 (flight into Egypt)

Feb. 28 Luke 2:41-52 (Jesus in the Temple)

Mondays at 7pm in Zoom
January 17-February 28

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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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2021–23: Robert Eikel, Kara Hart, Julia O'Brien, Martin Wheeler	