

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Baptism of Our Lord

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

January 9, 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: *The Baptism of our Lord Jesus* by Gloria Ssali



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Prelude for Organ: Tonality of Time

Francesco Blackmore (b. 1991)



Born in Jamaica, Francesco Blackmore is a Connecticut composer and organist, currently serving as director of music at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Windsor. He was an award-winning composition and theory student at CCSU, and recently was composer-in-residence at West Avon Congregational Church. Scott was honored to play the premiere of this work in our Pipes Alive! series in 2019.

THE OPENING HYMN 76, vv. 1, 2, 5 On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry

WINCHESTER NEW

All stand and sing.

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.
 Music: Winchester New, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

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 - mighty 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. Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 43:1–7**All sit.*

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

THE PSALTER

*Psalms 29**The people say the responses in bold.*

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 513 Like the murmur of the dove's song

BRIDEGROOM

All stand and sing.



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

Music: Bridegroom, Peter Cutts (b. 1937)

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THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with

unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

All sit.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

All stand. The people say the words in bold.

Priest Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Priest Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people say the words in bold.

As we celebrate the baptism of Christ, let us offer prayers to Jesus, the Beloved Son, in whose name we have been baptized.

For the Church and its leaders, especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; and our parish clergy, that our lives may be empowered by the Spirit to follow where God leads us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that we may open our hearts to God's presence in surprising places. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For a new dawning of peace and reconciliation, that those who strive for peace may not tire, and that God will open new opportunities for all of us to recognize the good in one another. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For an end to the worldwide pandemic, that God will free us from this dangerous virus, strengthen those who labor for our health, and give us grace to strive for the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those in need of our prayers, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that God will strengthen and sustain them with a shepherd's care. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, remembering especially Al Lennox, that having been reborn in baptism, they may rejoice in the radiance of God's glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Gracious and loving God, you have anointed your people with the waters of baptism and made us your beloved children. Hear our prayers and fill us with your Spirit that we may share the work of your Son, bringing blessing and light to all the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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 The Lamb

John Tavener (1944–2013)

Words: William Blake (1757–1827)

Little Lamb who made thee
 Dost thou know who made thee
 Gave thee life & bid thee feed.
 By the stream & o'er the mead;
 Gave thee clothing of delight,
 Softest clothing wooly bright;
 Gave thee such a tender voice,
 Making all the vales rejoice!

Little Lamb who made thee
Dost thou know who made thee

Little Lamb I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb I'll tell thee!
He is called by thy name,
For he calls himself a Lamb:
He is meek & he is mild,
He became a little child:
I a child & thou a lamb,
We are called by his name.
Little Lamb God bless thee.
Little Lamb God bless thee.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH*All stand.*

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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

The first system of musical notation for 'The Sanctus'. It consists of a treble and bass staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and' are written below the treble staff.

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

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,'. The bass line provides harmonic support.

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

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are'. The bass line continues with chords and rests.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

The fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The bass line continues with chords and rests.

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

The fifth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na'. The bass line continues with chords and rests.

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

The sixth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The bass line continues with chords and rests.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties.

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.

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.

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 Shall we gather at the river

Robert Lowry (1826–1899)

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

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 135, vv. 1, 2, 4 Songs of thankfulness and praise

SALZBURG

All sing.

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal-sied limbs and faint-ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

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Music: Salzburg, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Trumpet Tune in D

John Stanley (1713–1786)

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 Todd FitzGerald**Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Paul Shaker**The St. John's Schola****Organist:** Scott Lamlein**Organ Scholar:** Ted Babbitt**Acolytes:** Dorian Ciscel, Elsa Ciscel, Alice Murchie**Ushers:** Don Polk, John Roche, Laura Roche**Healing Prayers:** Karen Licht**Livestream Oversight:** Fraz Lugay**Altar Guild:** Rosa Guzzo, Paul Shaker**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:

Spencer Sloan, Jr.	Bobby Eikel
John Church	Caleb Peck
Nancy Scheetz	Liz Marchion
Buffy Cech	Katherine Whitney

Those who have died:

Al Lennox, *member of St. John's and husband of Barbara Lennox*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. James', Danbury; Saint Luke's, Darien; St. Paul's, Darien; Immanuel St. James, Derby; and for those who have been affected by and who have died from COVID-19, their families, friends, healthcare workers, and frontline workers.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

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

Monday evening online Bible study resumes on 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.

Can you guess which St. John's staff member this is? This photo was taken in 1974—when church membership records were kept in card files, parish directories were produced with a typewriter and mimeograph machine, and sharing a photo required taking a roll of film to a camera or drug store to have copies made. Now we have online databases, can print an updated directory on-demand with a few clicks, and share photos by e-mail and text. **Please make sure you/your family are accurately included in our updated parish directory by sending in your updated contact info and photo by Friday, January 14.**



In mid-January, 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). 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 no later than Friday, January 14.**

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.

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 and participating in music that is specially selected to bring us into deeper understanding of the mysteries of our faith.

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 not able 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 in 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

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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Sunday, January 30

9 a.m.

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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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VESTRY

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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