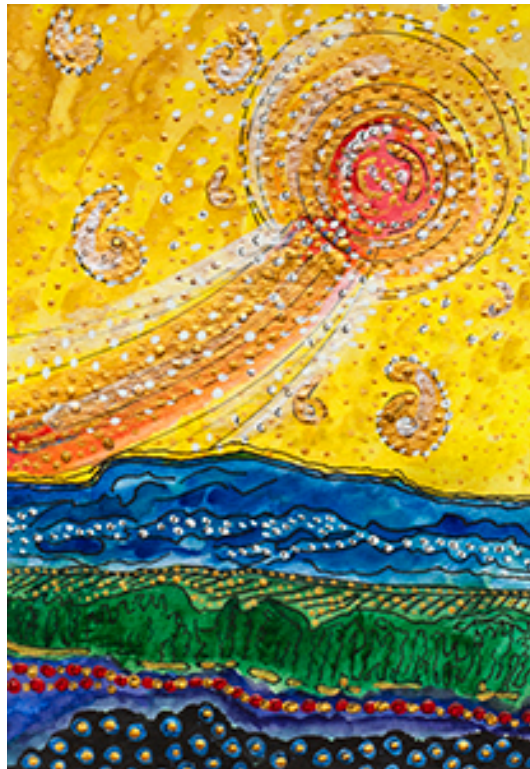


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The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

January 23, 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.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Reverie for Celestes from Suite Sebastienne

Thomas H. Kerr (1915–1988)

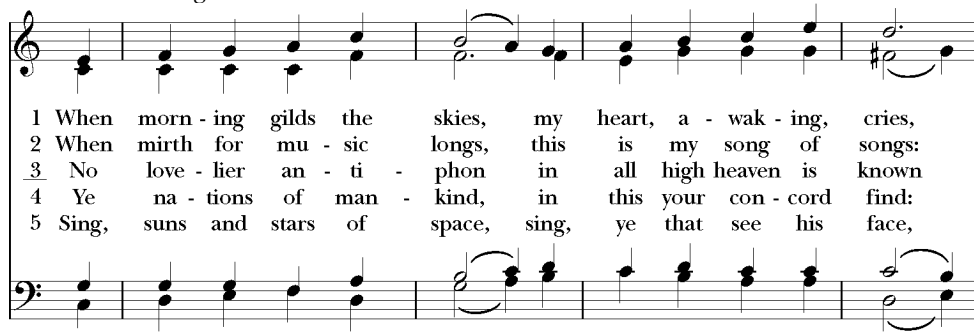


Thomas Henderson Kerr, Jr., born in Baltimore, Maryland, was raised in a musical family. His father was a famous orchestra leader and composer. From a young age, Kerr played the piano, even teaching himself how to play the organ. At the age of 14, he was playing for churches and in nightclubs. Kerr dreamed of attending the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, but African American students were not admitted at that time. Instead, he attended Howard University for one year before continuing his musical studies at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, where he completed his bachelor of music degree in piano and

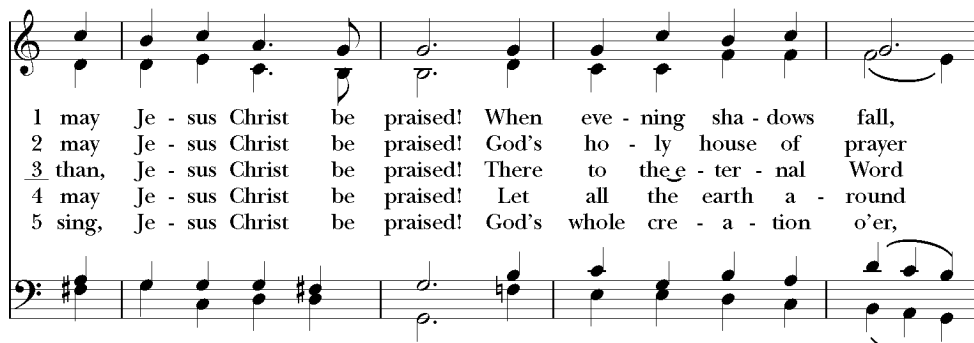
theory, as well as his master's degree in theory. Kerr received honors and prizes in composition and performed many times as piano soloist with the National Symphony Orchestra.

THE OPENING HYMN 427, vv. 1, 2, 5 When morning gilds the skies

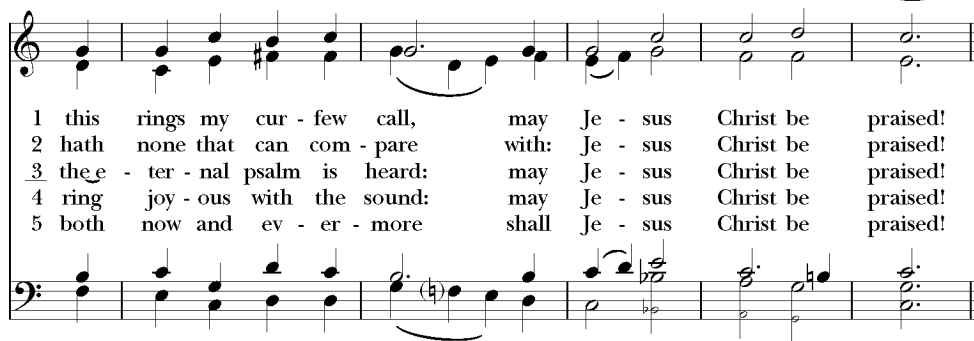
LAUDES DOMINI

All stand and sing.


1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known
 4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:
 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,



1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,
 2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word
 4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!
 3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Words: German, ca. 1800; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt.

Music: Laudes Domini, Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

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. Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**All sit.*

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

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

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 19**The people say the responses in bold.*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 **One day tells its tale to another, ***
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 **Their sound has gone out into all lands, ***
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens**
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

- 8 **The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 **Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleans me from my secret faults.**
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

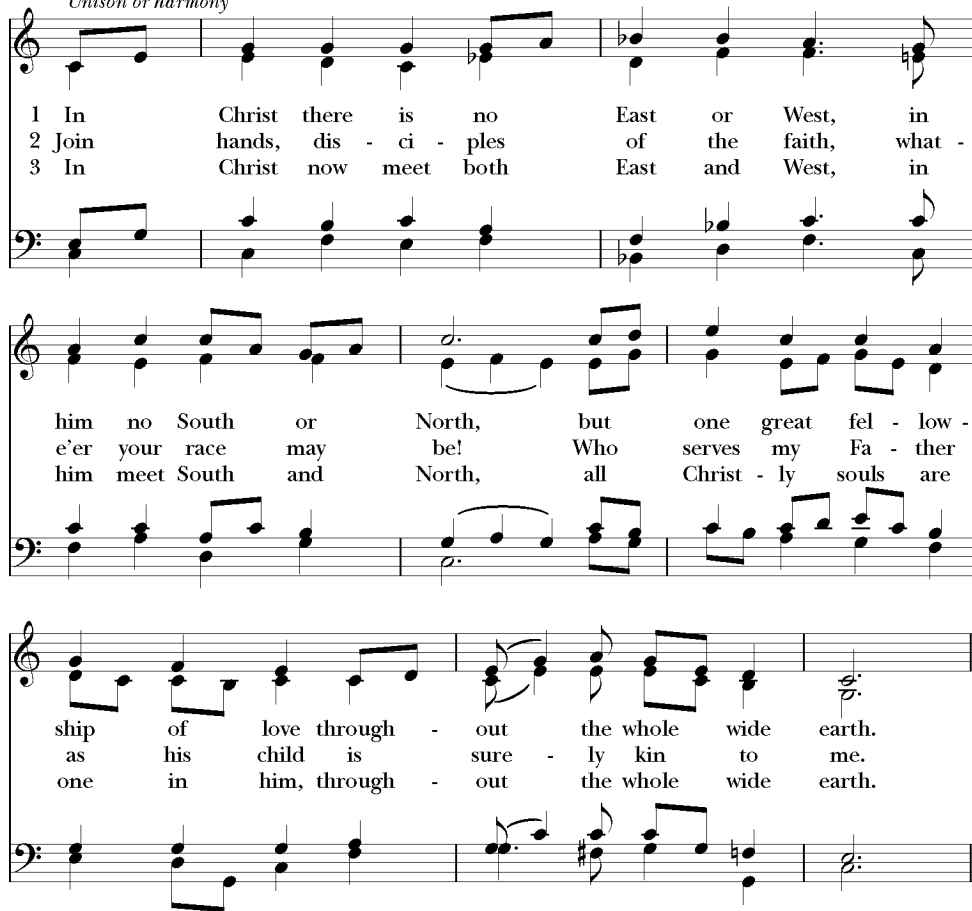
Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 529 In Christ there is no East or West

MCKEE

*All stand and sing.**Unison or harmony*


1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
 2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in
 him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
 e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
 him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are
 ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

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THE GOSPEL

Luke 4:14–21

Minister The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

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

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

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people say the words in bold.

Baptized into one body, let us pray for those who are members of the body of Christ, and for all the human family.

For the Church and all its people, remembering especially Michael, our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; and our parish clergy, that we who are one in Christ, yet richly diverse in gifts and ministries, may reach out in compassion and love to all God's people. God of life, **hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that we who hear God's word and are fed at God's table may find joy and strength for life's journey. God of life, **hear our prayer.**

For nations grieved by conflict, and people everywhere who live in fear of violence and oppression, that God will open new paths for peace and justice. God of life, **hear our prayer.**

For the members of Congress, that the Spirit will guide them to a new understanding of the issues before them, and help them find new ways to move forward for the common good. God of life, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have lost jobs or income, for the homeless and the hungry, for those who have no healthcare, and all those for whom we ought to pray, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that the healing and comforting love of God will be made known to them through family, friends, and the faith community. God of life, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, that in God's kingdom they may know the fulfillment of the resurrection promise. God of life, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant God of all peoples, hear the prayers of your servants and let the Spirit that anointed Jesus send us forth to proclaim your freedom and favor. We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit, who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All remain standing or kneel.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand.

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 Road Home

Stephen Paulus (1949–2014)
Text by Michael Dennis Browne

Tell me where is the road I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost, so long ago?
All these years I have wandered, oh, when will I know
There's a way, there's a road that will lead me home?

After wind, after rain, when the dark is done,
As I wake from a dream in the gold of day
Through the air there's a calling from far away,
There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me, come away is the call,
With love in your heart as the only song;
There is no such beauty where you belong,
Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

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

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.

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 Nunc Dimittis

Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

Text: The song of Simeon, Luke 2:29–32

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end, Amen.

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

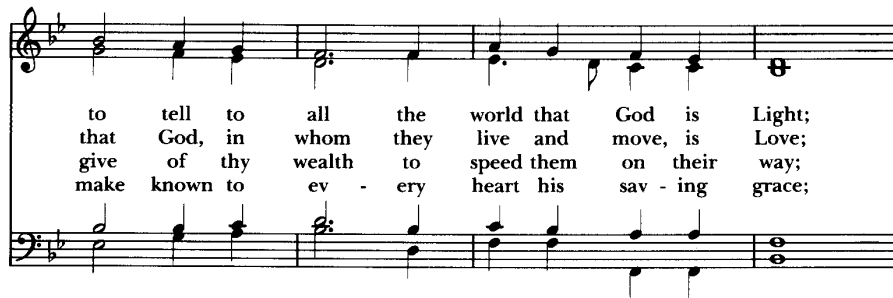
The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN 539, vv. 1–3 O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling

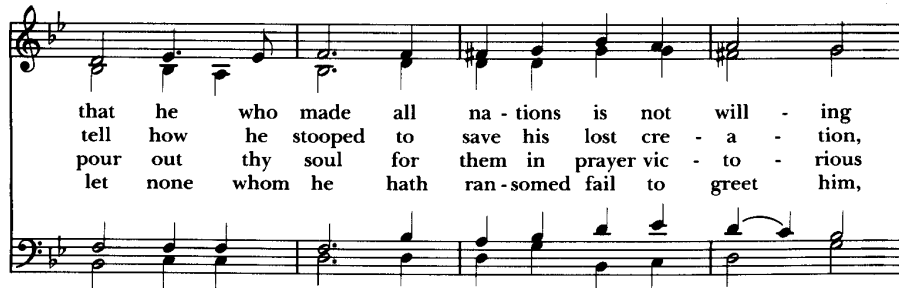
TIDINGS

All stand and sing.

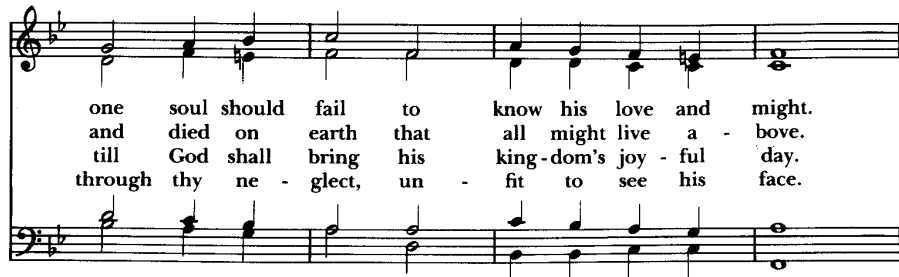
1 O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 2 Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion;
 3 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;
 4 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,



to tell to all the world that God is Light;
 that God, in whom they live and move, is Love;
 give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
 make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,
 pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious
 let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,



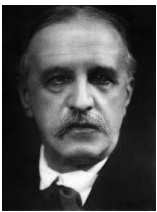
one soul should fail to know his love and might.
 and died on earth that all might live a - bove.
 till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.
 through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Carillon de Longpont from Pièces en style libre

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)



In 1913, Louis Vierne spent the summer with the De Montesquiou family at their chateau in Longpont, a town northeast of Paris. On August 15, the Feast of the Assumption, Vierne accompanied hymns during the procession, using a harmonium, mounted on a cart drawn by two donkeys. Later that day, he composed Carillon du Longpont based on the theme of the peal of the three bells and a clock bell in the belfry of the chateau's small chapel. Vierne dedicated the piece to his brother, Rene, also an organist. Sadly, Rene was killed in a battle during the First World War, waged east of Longpont.

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:** James Baker**The St. John's Schola:**Rich Barstow, Helen Douglas, Kara Hart, Mary Beth Lamlein,
John Nowacki, Odanice Olibrice, Jacqueline Smith, Ram Tysoe**Organist & Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Organ Scholar:** Ted Babbitt**Acolytes:** Genella Evans, Caleb Worrell, Ethen Worrell**Ushers:** Eleanor Barnes, Annabel Clapp, Bette-Jane Hardersen**Healing Prayers:** Wes Winterbottom**Livestream Oversight:** Mary Sypek**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:

Luis Lorenzo	Caleb Worrell
Chas Christiansen	Joseph Bleicher
Elizabeth Proctor	Ram Tysoe
Anita Winters	Samantha Giuliano

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Epiphany, Durham; St. Gabriel's, East Berlin; St. Stephen's, East Haddam; All Saint's, East Hartford; and for ministries to, with, and for the deaf.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

Annual Reports for 2021 and new parish directories are available to pick up at either entrance to the nave.

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

Choral Evensong, Sunday, TODAY at 5 p.m. Join us for a service of Choral Evensong, featuring the St. John's Schola, this evening 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.

Monday evening online Bible study, 7 p.m. on Zoom. The current Bible study series considers 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.

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, and a master's degree candidate at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. 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 that Connecticut offers. She has been a cast member of West Hartford Hauntings for the past two years!

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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

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	