

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

March 27, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

Masks are now optional at St. John's. We encourage anyone who is unvaccinated or who is more comfortable wearing a mask to continue to do so. If you are feeling unwell, please stay home or wear a mask until you feel better. Thank you!

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 our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to 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!



Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

Children are always welcome to be in church with their families. We encourage you to sit up front, as they will be more engaged if they can see and hear what's going on. Children are welcome here just as they are; please don't feel you must leave every time your little one makes a sound! We have children's bulletins, books, and other quiet activities available in the narthex (the entrance with the red doors) for children's use during the service. A nursery staffed by high school students is available on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. Parents are also welcome to use the nursery if you need a changing table or a quiet spot. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:30 a.m.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY *from Sonata II* Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)
Grave, Andante Sostenuto, Allegro maestoso e vivace

SILENT PROCESSION

All stand.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures forever.**

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

All remain standing or kneel.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

KYRIE ELEISON

All chant.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 Chri - ste e - le - i - son.
 Chri - ste e - le - i - son.
 Chri - ste e - le - i - son.
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Music: Plainsong Mode I, Orbis Factor

Translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Joshua 5:9–12

All sit.

The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 32

The people say the words in bold and sing the antiphon as indicated.



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 **Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, ***
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; ***
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 **I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” ***
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. *Antiphon*
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 **You are my hiding-place;**
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 **Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; ***
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you.”

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

12 **Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 470 There's a wideness in God's mercy

BEECHER

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

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

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came

out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

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

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

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

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people say the words in bold.

Let us offer prayers to the God whose loving care embraces each person in need.

For the Church and all its people, remembering especially Michael, our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; and our parish clergy, that in all things we may be signs of God's compassion, and welcome all with an embrace of love and a place at the table. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that we whose many sins have been so freely and frequently forgiven may celebrate God's goodness each day. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the nations as they take counsel together: Grant them compassion, courage, and wisdom to guide their choices, that the people of Ukraine may know the blessings of peace. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For the people of Ukraine, that they may be kept safe from the violence of war, find adequate shelter and food, and remain strong in the knowledge of their just cause. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For all those whose work is dangerous, dirty, or disreputable, and those who labor and yet are poor and hungry, that they may find places of welcome and refreshment in our communities and churches. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For those whose lives are threatened by storms and weather, for the sick and suffering, and for all those in need of our prayers, especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may share in the generous banquet of God's reconciling love. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, that they may be part of the new creation, as God in Christ makes all things new. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Gracious God, rich in mercy and pardon, hear our prayers, restore us now with the embrace of your compassion, and feed us at the paschal banquet of the Lamb, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People **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 Even when God is silent

Sumner Jenkins (b. 1962)

Anonymous text found on a basement wall in Cologne, Germany
written by someone hiding from the Gestapo during the Nazi holocaust.

I believe in the sun
even when it isn't shining.
I believe in love
even when feeling it not.
I believe in God
even when God is silent.
I believe in the silence.



Sumner Jenkins holds a BMus (1985) in church music and a MMus (1987) in organ performance from Shenandoah Conservatory of Music in Winchester, VA. and has done additional study with Dr. Wilma Jensen and Diane Meredith Belcher. He is an active member of the Association of Anglican Musicians and the American Guild of Organists. Sumner joined St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lynchburg, VA, in 2016, having previously served St. John's, Washington, CT, and Calvary Episcopal Church, Memphis, TN.

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

All stand.

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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

All chant.

San - ctus, San - ctus, San - ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - ba - oth.
 Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho - sán - na
 in ex - cél - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne
 Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cél - sis.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Deus Genitor alme

Translation: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All remain standing or kneel.

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People***Christ has died.****Christ is risen.****Christ will come again.**

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

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

THE AGNUS DEI

All chant.



A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec cá - ta mun-di: { mi-se-ré-re no - bis.
 mi-se-ré-re no - bis.
 do-na no-bis pa - cem.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Deus Genitor alme

Translation: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

If you would like a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

If you have mobility limitations and would like a priest to bring Communion to you in your seat, please let an usher know.

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

THE COMMUNION MOTET Ave verum corpus

William Byrd (1543–1623)

Words attributed to Pope Innocent VI (d. 1362)

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum immolatum in Cruce pro homine,
 Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine, esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

*Hail, true body born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for man,
 Whose pierced side overflowed with blood, Be for us a foretaste in the test of death.*

THE COMMUNION HYMN It is well with my soul

IT IS WELL

All remain seated and sing.

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
 2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;
 2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,
 3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—
 4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.
 3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul,
 It is well with my

— It is well, it is well with my soul.
 soul,

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.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fugue from Sonata II

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Please stay after the service to make sandwiches for Loaves & Fishes.

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Preacher:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald**Layreader:** Paul Shaker**Psalterer:** Emma Evica**The St. John's Adult Choir****Organist & Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Organ Scholar:** Ted Babbitt**Acolytes:** Isabel Grant, Caleb Worrell, Ethen Worrell**Ushers:** Steve Crocker, Robert Eikel, Jeff Gostyla, Stewart Murchie**Healing Prayers:** Paul Shaker**Livestream Oversight:** Mary Sypek**Altar Guild:** Bette-Jane Hardersen, Ginny Kemp**Nursery Workers:** Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton**Sunday School Teachers:** Colin Gillespie, Ginger Gillespie, Leah Lorenzo, Akilah Williams**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	Duccio Rosselli del Turco	Clark Hendley
Brad Babbitt	William Bittinger	Joseph	Maria Ferreira
Ward Farrell	Mary	Aidan	Edie
Mary A. Looney	Tom Reichenbach	Gerry Brooks	Gary Wait
Joanne	Don Cole	Dennis Winkleblack	Peter
L.B.	Dale Stretz	Kate Coley	Tracy Barth
David Beers, Sr.	Paul Peck	Edythe Freeouf	Barbara Roos

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Stuart Carlisle	Taffy Wilcox	Susie Hatch
Sahara Barrow	Tita Hyland	Mark Stater
Pam Dimock	John O'Brien	Caroline Wilcox
Patricia Hensley	Dylan Farrell	
Toby Aguiar	Kate Eikel	

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for All Saints', Meriden; St. Andrew's, Meriden; Christ Church, Middle Haddam; St. George's, Middlebury; and for the ECCT Program & Budget Committee, Faith & Order Commission, convention planning committee, and convention worship committee.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar.

Choral Evensong, Sunday, TODAY, 5 p.m. at Trinity College Chapel. Tonight's service of Choral Evensong will be held at Trinity College Chapel, and will feature the St. John's Choir School with guests from the treble choirs of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Newington; Trinity Episcopal Church, Hartford; St. Paul's, Fairfield; and St. Paul's, Norwalk. The Trinity Chapel is a wonderful sacred space in which to engage in the beautiful Evensong liturgy. All are welcome — bring a friend! Free admission with donations welcome. This service will *not* be livestreamed online. **Masks and proof of vaccination are required for all singers and attendees.**

Contribute toward Easter flowers in memory or honor of your loved ones. All are invited to make a contribution (in any amount) to cover the cost of Easter lilies and other flowers to adorn the church on Easter Sunday. Checks should be payable to St. John's with "Easter flowers" in the memo. To send in your contribution and the names of those people you'd like to remember or honor, please either use the flower offering envelopes in the pews, or e-mail the names to Ellen in the parish office (ellen@sjparish.net) and send your contribution by mail. **All names must be received by Monday, April 11 to be included in the Easter service bulletins.**

Community Garden Work Days, Saturdays, April 2 and May 7 at 10 a.m. It's time to wake up our community garden and prep it for growing vegetables to be given away to our neighbors. Please join us on our upcoming work days, April 2 and May 7, at 10 a.m. No gardening expertise is needed! Please wear gloves and sun protection, and bring gardening tools if you have them.


Pipes Alive! Student Showcase, Sunday, April 3 at 12:30 p.m. The April Pipes Alive! organ recital will feature several of Scott Lamlein's students, including Kathy and Kelly Roqueza, William Bannon, Ray Giolitto, and Ted Babbitt. Come support the progress of these fine players. Free admission, with donations gratefully accepted.

Spring Chamber Music: The Larksgrove Duo, Friday, April 22, 7:30 p.m. Through their innovative blending of classical and traditional forms, Larksgrove brings a fresh voice to the musical scene. Peter Zay, cello and guitar, and EmmaLee Holmes-Hicks, violin and fiddle, present unique interpretations of the classics and inventive arrangements of traditional tunes. Free admission, with donations gratefully accepted.

Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, April 17 after the 10:30 service: Help with preparations! To help us get ready for the traditional egg hunt after the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday, please take a bag of plastic eggs from the narthex (near the red doors), fill them with candy (no nuts please!), stickers, or other trinkets, and return them to church any Sunday or by 10:10 a.m. on Easter. At that time, we welcome help from adults and youth to hide the eggs outdoors (or inside in the event of bad weather).

The Spring Food Fling fundraiser returns! Friday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. This favorite event, which raises funds for St. John's ministries, is returning after a three-year hiatus. All are invited to come out for a night of lively conversation, delicious food and drink, and the opportunity to bid on many fun food-related auction items, ranging from homemade goodies and restaurant gift cards to festive dinner parties. We'll share more information soon! **If you would like to get involved and help plan the event, we would love to have you. Please e-mail Julia O'Brien at jpowellob@comcast.net or join us in the Reception Room TODAY after church.**





Evensong

In-person performance only

Sunday, March 27, at 5 p.m.
St. John's Choir School and Guests
Trinity College, 300 Summit St., Hartford



Growing Together

**Come prepare and plant the
Community Garden!**

Every year, St. John's provides fresh veggies to our neighbors in need. We are always looking for volunteers to help prep, plant, weed, water, and harvest. Join us on the following Saturdays at 10am, and stay tuned for other ways to help. No experience necessary. Questions? Email margie@sjparish.net

Saturday, April 2
Saturday, May 7





MUSIC AT THE RED DOOR

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

Pipes Alive!

Sunday, April 3, 2022, 12:30 p.m.

In-person and livestreamed
reddoormusic.org

Organ Student Showcase



Presented by
Music at the Red Door

Chamber Music at the Red Door

LARKSGROVE DUO



EmmaLee Holmes-Hicks, violin
Peter Zay, cello

Friday,
April 22, 2022
7:30pm

- Free admission
- In-person and livestreamed
- Donations welcome (suggested donation: \$20)



Music at the Red Door
St. John's Episcopal Church
676 Farmington Ave (near Prospect)
West Hartford, CT 06119
RedDoorMusic.org



Holy Week & Easter at St. John's



Palm Sunday - April 10
Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:30 am



Maundy Thursday - April 14
Holy Eucharist at 7 pm



Good Friday - April 15
12 noon at St. John's &
7 pm at St. James's



Easter Day - April 17
Festal Eucharist at 8 and 10:30 am

St. John's Church
Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 17 after the
10:30 service

**Want to
help?**

Pick up a bag of empty eggs by the Red Doors on 3/27 or 4/3, and return them filled with candy (no nuts), stickers, or trinkets by 10:10 am on Easter, when youth and adults can help hide the eggs.





Spring Food Fling

A springtime celebration & fundraiser for St. John's

MAY 13, 2022

6:30 PM

Save the date!
More info to come...
Everyone is invited!

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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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2020–22: June Aziz, Annabel Clapp, Jyothsna Diaz	
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2022–24: Lissie Brooks, Marcos Donnelly, Rosa Guzzo, David McCary	