

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II & YOUTH SUNDAY

May 22, 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 are feeling better.

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.

Cover image: He is Risen by He Qi



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Apparition de l'Église éternelle

Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)

THE OPENING HYMN 657 Love divine, all loves excelling
All stand and sing.

HYFRYDOL

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

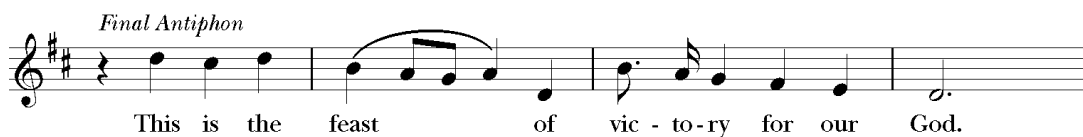
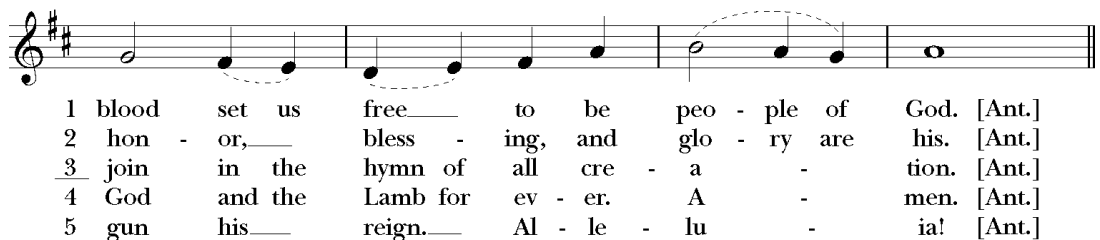
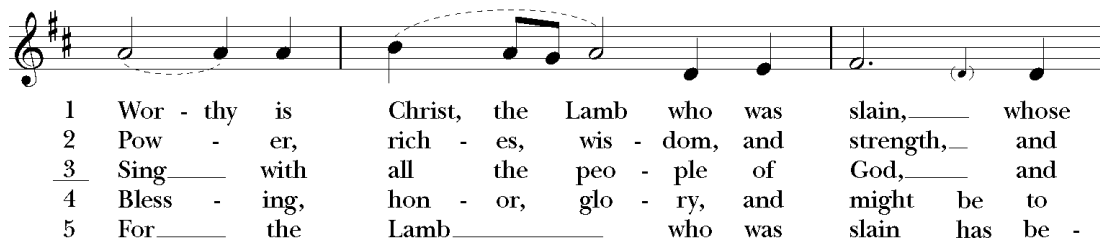
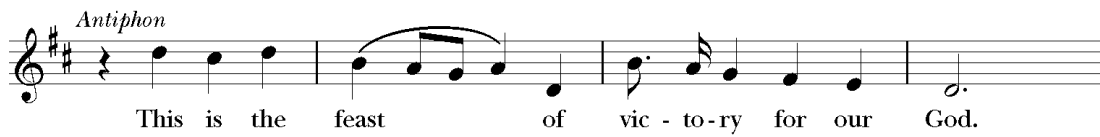
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

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.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE, vv. 1-3

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

All sing.

Text: Revelation 5:12-13; adapt. John W. Arthur (1922-1980); Music: Festival Canticle, Richard Hillert (b. 1923)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 16:9–15

All sit.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 67

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

Let the_ peo - ples praise you, O God; let all the peo - ples_ praise_ you.

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
**for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.**
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. *Antiphon*

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 550 Jesus calls us; o’er the tumult

RESTORATION

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

*John 15:1–9**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

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

THE HOMILIES

Ted Babbitt & Elsa Ciscel

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.

We ask your prayers for all of God's people, and for the Church and its leaders. **That we all may be one.**

We ask your prayers for those in authority in the nations of the world. **That there may be justice and peace on earth.**

We ask your prayers for the good earth that God has given us, and the wisdom and will to conserve it. **That God may guide us for its protection.**

We ask your prayers for those dealing with the stress of endings and beginnings. **That they may never feel alone.**

We ask your prayers for all people suffering in the world, especially those who are experiencing fighting, and those impacted by the war in Ukraine. **That war and strife may cease.**

We ask your prayers for the sick, the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in trouble. **That we may love our neighbors as ourselves.**

We ask your prayers for those who have died, especially Kent Beckwith Lawrence. **That light perpetual may shine upon them.**

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 Lord is my shepherd Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

All stand and sing.

**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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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 sing.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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.

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.

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o - ver has been
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant Here is the table of the Lord. We are gathered at his supper, a foretaste of things eternal. 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.

If you would like to receive healing prayers, go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Bread of the world, in mercy broken John Abdenour (b. 1962)
Text: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), found at Hymn 301

THE COMMUNION HYMN 345 Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise ELLERS
All remain seated and sing.

THE PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those worshipping online are invited to offer this prayer silently or aloud.

Gracious and risen Lord, we believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. We love you above all things and we desire to receive you into our souls. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you and unite ourselves wholly to you. Never may we be separated from you. Amen.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All stand.

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 405 All things bright and beautiful ROYAL OAK
All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Toccata on Great Day Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say Amen at the end of the Voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald**Assisting:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Preachers:** Ted Babbitt & Elsa Ciscel**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreaders:** James Baker, Benjamin Clapp, Virginia Eikel**The St. John's Choir School****Guest Organist & Choirmaster:** Ted Babbitt**Ushers:** Eleanor Barnes, Annabel Clapp, Bobby Eikel, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Jeff Verney**Acolytes:** Bradley Crocker, Alice Murchie, Claire O'Brien**Healing Minister:** Paul Shaker**Livestream Oversight:** Elijah Clapp**Altar Guild:** Bill Lockery, Carol Sonne**Nursery Workers:** Kiley Murphy, Caroline Thaxton**Sunday School Teachers:** Colin Gillespie, Ginger Gillespie, Leah Lorenzo, Akilah Williams**The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Wilson H. Faude.**

The Prayers of the People were written by our middle school youth.

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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	Maria Ferreira
Janet Ray	Whitney Lynch	Duccio Rosselli del Turco	Edie
Brad Babbitt	Mary	Joseph	Gary Wait
Ward Farrell	Tom Reichenbach	Peter	Emmy Aziz
Mary A. Looney	Don Cole	Roe Dean	Jason Sterne
Jeanne	Tracy Barth	Karen Licht	

Those who have died:

Kent Beckwith Lawrence, *father of Kimberley Byrd*

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Huck Whittemore
Anne Hayes
Betty Knorr
Mary Jo Keating
Sarah Faude

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Wendy & Tom Lincoln
Paul Shaker & Cleveland Williams

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. John's, New Milford; Grace Church, Newington; Trinity, Newtown; and for environmental ministry networks, eco-justice work, and community gardens.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia.

Youth Sunday & Parish Picnic, TODAY at the 10:30 service and afterward. Our annual Youth Sunday service celebrates our young members and all they offer to our parish community as choristers, layreaders, acolytes, and more. After the service, everyone is invited to stay for the annual parish picnic — rain or shine! Hot dogs, condiments, and beverages will be provided. **If your last name starts with A–M**, please bring chips, side dish, or salad. **If your last name starts with N–Z**, please bring fruit or dessert.

It's community garden season! Help feed our neighbors. Our community garden has been planted with all kinds of veggies, and we need your help for it to thrive! We have three volunteer jobs for the growing season: **Gardeners** sign up for one week at a time, and stop by that week at their convenience to pull weeds, check on the garden's overall health, and monitor the automatic sprinkler system (e.g., turn it off if it's a rainy week!). **Harvesters** pick veggies on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday morning in preparation for Sunday's neighborhood produce distribution. **Distributors** prepare veggies for distribution on Sunday morning, and give them away to our neighbors after the 10:30 service. To sign up for any of these jobs, go to sjparish.net/garden.

Information for potential acolytes and their parents/guardians, Sunday, June 5 from 12 to 12:30 p.m. Our acolytes support worship by leading processions and assisting with the Offertory and Holy Eucharist. Choir School singers are welcome to also serve as acolytes, and we are happy to accommodate other scheduling needs. All youth who will be in 5th through 12th grade next fall, and their parents/guardians, are invited to a brief meeting to learn more, after the 10:30 service on Sunday, June 5. We'd love to have current acolytes attend as well.

Pipes Alive! with Christa Rakich, Sunday, June 5 at 12:30 p.m. Our final Pipes Alive! of the 2021-2022 program year features Christa Rakich, our organ artist-in-residence. As a concert and recording artist, Christa performs widely throughout North America, Europe, and Japan. She is visiting professor of organ at Oberlin Conservatory. Free admission, with donations gratefully accepted.

Girls Night Out, Thursday, June 9, 6 p.m. All women age 21 and up are welcome at the annual (although not since 2019...) Girls Night Out at the home of Virginia Van Dyk. This purely social event featuring conversation plus beverages and appetizers is part of our Spring Fling fundraiser, although everyone is welcome to participate even if you didn't attend the Spring Fling. The \$25/person cost will add to the funds raised at that event to support St. John's. If you'd like to attend, contact Virginia Van Dyk at virginiavandyk@yahoo.com for the details. You may pay the \$25 cost ahead of time by cash or check (please mark it clearly for the Girls Night Out) or the night of the event.

Summer service schedule begins June 19. Our summer Sunday services, from June 19 through September 4 (Labor Day weekend) will be at 9 a.m. outdoors (indoors in case of rain) and 10:30 a.m. in the nave. Both services will include hymns.

**YOUTH SUNDAY
&
PARISH PICNIC**
May 22
10:30 service followed by picnic
Rain or shine!
Hot dogs and beverages provided.
Last name A-M: Bring chips, side or salad
Last name N-Z: Bring fruit or dessert

ACOLYTE
Information Session

Who: Youth entering 5th-12th grade in Fall 2022 & their parents/guardians
What: Learn about serving as an acolyte for 2022-23.
When: Sunday, June 5 from 12 to 12:30 p.m.
Where: Hubbard Hall

All youth in 5th grade and up are encouraged to participate in this vital ministry at St. John's during the program year (Sept-June). Choir School singers can also serve as acolytes, and we are happy to accommodate other scheduling needs. Please attend to learn more!
Current acolytes are welcome to attend.

FOR I WAS HUNGRY. AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO EAT.

Each year St. John's Community Garden provides fresh produce to our neighbors during the growing season. Sign up to tend, harvest, or distribute veggies at sjparish.net/garden



MUSIC AT THE RED DOOR

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

Pipes Alive!

Sunday, June 5, 2022, 12:30 p.m.

In-person and livestreamed
reddoormusic.org

Christa Rakich, Organist



St. John's Summer Sundays

9 a.m. outdoors

10:30 a.m. indoors & livestreamed

June 19 through September 4

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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>
Kara Hart.....	<i>Warden</i>
Anne Harney and John Roche.....	<i>Co-Treasurers</i>

2020–22: June Aziz, Annabel Clapp, Jyothsna Diaz

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

2022–24: Lissie Brooks, Marcos Donnelly, Rosa Guzzo, David McCary