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The Fourth Sunday of Easter HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

May 8, 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 siparish.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 ORGAN VOLUNTARY Toccata in C Major from BWV 564

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

THE OPENING HYMN 366 Holy God we praise thy name *All stand and sing.*

GROSSER GOTT

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

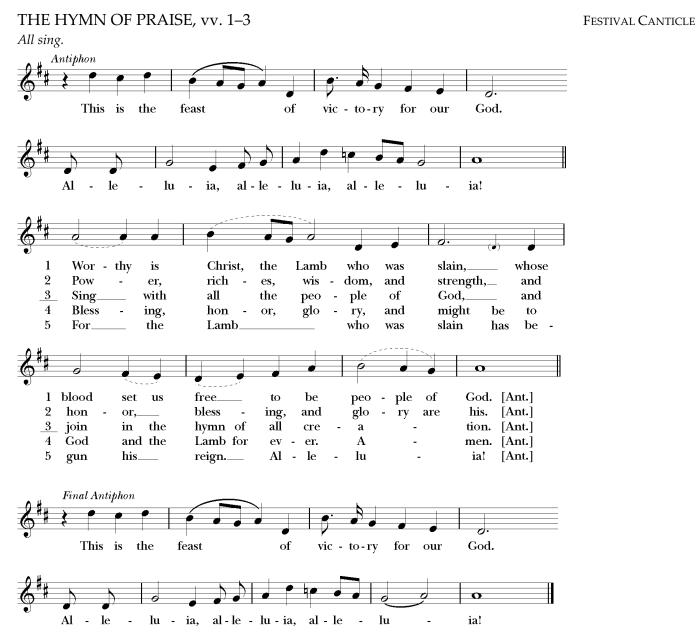
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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.



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. Celebrant

And also with you. People

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when

we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads;

who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 9:36–43

All sit.

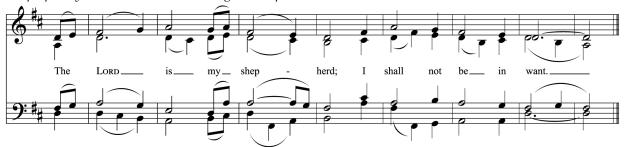
Tow in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 23

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



- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

 Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 646 The King of love my shepherd is *All stand and sing*.

DOMINUS REGIT ME

All stand and strig.

THE GOSPEL John 10:22–30

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

t that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

THE SERMON
All sit.

The Reverend Walter McKenney

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The people say the words in **bold**.

Gathered before the throne of the Lamb, let us give God the glory, and pray for the needs of all God's flock.

For the Church and all its people, especially Michael, our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; and our parish clergy, that we may hear the voice of Christ the Good Shepherd, and allow our lives to be shaped and guided by Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For this parish family, that by our witness we may lead others to follow the Good Shepherd to green pastures and still waters. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the people of Ukraine—those living with the dangers of war, and those who have left the country—that God will strengthen them in their struggle for peace and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who have shepherded us, especially parents, spouses, teachers, clergy, and mentors, that God will continue to work through them, and lead us to wholeness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For all mothers, and those who have been like a mother to us, that God will bless and strengthen them, and inspire us to greater love by their example. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For all who are wounded by racism, and for those complicit in racist systems, that through honest conversation and humble listening, God will guide us to the springs of the water of life, where reconciliation and justice prevail. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For all who walk through the dark valleys of life, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may find places of healing and refreshment. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For those who have died, that they may rejoice forever around the throne of the Lamb. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Celebrant

Blessed are you, O God, the fountain of joy and peace. Hear our prayers, and grant that we may never become separated from Christ, our Good Shepherd, who guides us to springs of lifegiving water. Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, now, and always, and unto the ages of ages. **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 My shepherd will supply my need

need American Folk Melody arr. Virgil Thomson (1896–1989) Text: Isaac Watts (1674–1748) Paraphrase of Psalm 23, found at Hymn 664

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

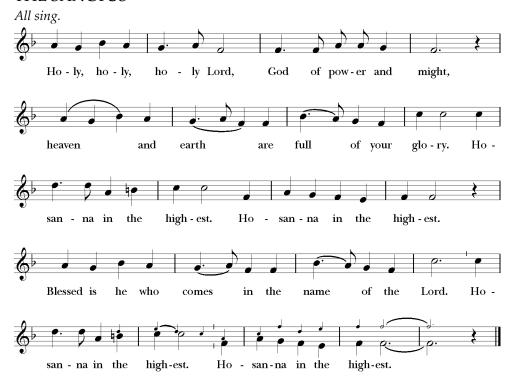
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

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



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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.



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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 Draw us in the spirit's tether

Harold W. Friedell (1905–1958)

Text attributed to Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, Two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them:

Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,

Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,

Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,

That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.

Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 691 My faith looks up to thee

OLIVET

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.

Let us pray. Celebrant

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your People

> 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 522 Glorious things of thee are spoken

AUSTRIA

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Toccato from Suite for organ

Florence B. Price (1887–1853)

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 Margie Baker Assisting: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald **Preacher:** The Reverend Walter McKenney Layreader: Christoph Stretz

The St. John's Adult Choir

Guest Organist & Choirmaster: Christopher Houlihan

Organ Scholar: Ted Babbitt

Ushers: Karen Licht, Don Polk, Paul Shaker Acolytes: Genella Evans, Caleb Worrell, Ethen Worrell

Healing Minister: Wes Winterbottom **Livestream Oversight:** Fraz Lugay Altar Guild: Kate Eikel, Bette-Jane Hardersen Nursery Workers: Morgan Babbitt, Olivia Thaxton

Sunday School Teachers: Colin Gillespie, Ginger Gillespie, Susan Thaxton, Akilah Williams

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Tickets for the Spring Fling fundraiser on May 13 are for sale at coffee hour today. \$10 per ticket. Card, cash, or check accepted.

Music during Scott Lamlein's sabbatical: Director of Music Scott Lamlein is currently away on a three-month sabbatical, returning on July 25. He is not available via email, and messages sent to him during this time will not be read, so please save up your communications for August. During his absence, we are pleased to have organist/choirmaster coverage by Christopher Houlihan, along with our organ scholar, Ted Babbitt. Christopher is no stranger to St. John's, having performed here frequently, and, in addition to being a world-class concert organist, he is the college organist and chair of chapel music at Trinity College. The tradition of a strong link between the music programs at St. John's and Trinity College dates back to Clarence Watters in the 1950s, and so we're especially excited to have Christopher with us. You can read more about him

at https://www.trincoll.edu/spiritualandreligiouslife/staff/christopher-houlihan/.

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	Mary	Joseph	Maria Ferreira
Ward Farrell	Tom Reichenbach	Randy & Carrie Scott	Edie
Mary A. Looney	Don Cole	Amber	Gary Wait
Joanne	Paul Peck	Peter	
L.B.	Tracy Barth	Roe Dean	

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Rosa Guzzo Emma Pinney
Richard Jacques Anthony Nelson
Bette-Jane Hardersen Jack Barnes
Ginny Flinchbaugh Robert Eikel

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Thomas', New Haven; Trinity, New Haven; St. James, New London; and for parish prayer groups, intercessory prayer chains, healing prayer groups, and parish and community Bible studies.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.

Online Bible study resumes TOMORROW, Monday, May 9 at 7 p.m. The next series for the Monday evening online Bible study will be on Paul's letter to the Philippians. There will be five online meetings from May 9 through mid-June, and everyone is invited to attend one, several, or all! There is no homework and no prep required. The Zoom link is in the Thursday e-news, or you may e-mail Margie at margie@sjparish.net to be added to a dedicated e-mail list for the Bible study so you can receive the link each Monday for that evening's session.

The Spring Food Fling is happening next Friday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets (\$10) on sale today after the 10:30 service. This favorite event, which raises funds for St. John's ministries, is returning after a three-year hiatus. All are invited to come to St. John's 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. Tickets are \$10 per person and include one raffle ticket. You may purchase tickets with card, check, or cash after the 10:30 service today and at the door.

Youth Sunday & Parish Picnic, Sunday, May 22 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.

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.

God calls people to Go!

During adult education in the Easter season, we will read stories in which God calls women and men to step out in faith as they participate in God's mission in the world. In what ways might we learn from Abraham, Moses, Ruth, Jonah, Mary Magdalene and others as we listen for God's call in our lives? At the end of the sessions, we will develop a Rule of Life to support our efforts to follow God's persistent call.

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Hubbard Hall

etter to the Philippians

Monday Night Bible Study
7pm on Zoom

Join us Mondays in May and June as we explore Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi, the first Christian community in Europe.

May 9 Introduction and chapter 1

May 16 No Bible Study

May 23 Chapter 2

May 30 MEMORIAL DAY: No Bible Study

June 6 Chapter 3

June 13 Chapter 4 & final reflections

f you have any questions, or would like to be added to the Bible Study mailing list, please email margie@sjparish.net





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





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.

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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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