## St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
August 14, 2022
10:30 a.m.

#### Welcome!

**Masks are 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. During the summer, the nursery is not open. There is a changing table and comfortable seating in the main area of the education wing for parents who need to change or soothe a little one.

The cover photo was taken in the St. John's Cloister Garden.



#### ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Air for Organ

William B. Cooper (1920–1993)

THE OPENING HYMN 546 Awake my soul, stretch every nerve *All stand and sing.* 

Siroë

#### 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 forever. 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.

#### THE SONG OF PRAISE Dignus es

Benjamin Straley (b. 1986)

The refrain is introduced by the choir, then all repeat. The choir sings the verses, and all join in the refrain.



For you created every thing that is,

and by your will they were created and have their being; Refrain

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,

for with your blood you have redeemed for God,

From every family, language, people, and nation,

a kingdom of priests to serve our God. Refrain

And so, to him who sits upon the throne,

and to Christ the Lamb,

Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,

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#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and

also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

#### THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 23:23–29

All sit.

m I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 82

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

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \* he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, \* and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; \* defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; \* deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; \* all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \* and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \* and fall like any prince.'"
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \* for you shall take all nations for your own.

#### THE SECOND LESSON Hebrews 11:29–12:2

y faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 490 I want to walk as a child of the light *All stand and sing*.

**HOUSTON** 

THE GOSPEL Luke 12:49–56

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

All sit.

The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

#### 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**.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation,

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; Jeffrey, our bishop-elect; our parish clergy; and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For those on our parish prayer list, that they will receive comfort and healing.

For peace in all places of conflict, especially in Ukraine, that the Spirit will lead those in positions of authority to work to end violence and promote the safety and dignity of all.

In thanksgiving for those who have taught us to live faithfully, that our lives may also witness to Jesus who is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

For all college students preparing for a new school year and learning to navigate new opportunities for independence and relationship.

Are there other prayers?

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant Holy God, hear the prayers we offer this day, kindle the fire of your passion in us, and

baptize all creation with your vision of justice and truth; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

#### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

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.** 

#### 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 God be in my head

Walford Davies (1869–1941) Words: Sarum Primer, 1514, found at Hymn 694

#### THE PRESENTATION HYMN

**OLD 100**<sup>TH</sup>

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.

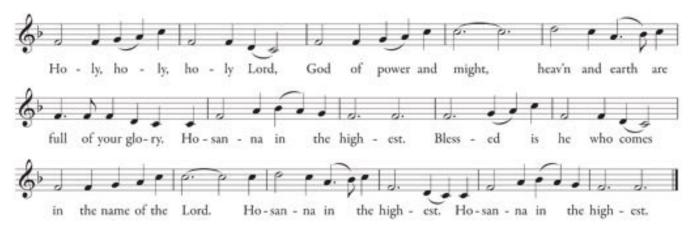
*People* We lift them to the Lord.

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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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



Music: Land of Rest, arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889–1983)

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.

The Celebrant continues.

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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Holy food for holy people. You are holy; take and eat.

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.

#### 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 552 Fight the good fight with all thy might *All sing*.

PENTECOST

THE DISMISSAL

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

#### THE VOLUNTARY Flourish in G (2018)

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

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 presence in Word and sacrament 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 and Preacher: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald
Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney
Layreader: Bill Lockery
The St. John's Summer Singers
Organist and Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein
Organ Scholar: Luke Ashworth
Ushers: Ellen Flynn, David Grimaldi

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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 EvansSusanEllie BrownKim GreenSueAnita Winters

Janet Ray Whitney Lynch Duccio Rosselli del Turco

Brad Babbitt Don Cole Shirley Blean Ward Farrell Tom Reichenbach Edie Tenen

Mary Jo Keating

#### Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Christian Dahlstrom

#### Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Hudson Hill Marcos Donnelly Gabriella Williams

#### Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Toby & Manny Aguiar Ginger & Colin Gillespie Anne & John Walsh

#### In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for fresh expressions of the church in Connecticut; missional experiments; students preparing to enter schools, colleges, universities, and seminaries; school, college, and university chaplains; and all campus ministries.

#### In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Extra-Provincial Churches.

It's community garden season! Help feed our neighbors. 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 siparish.net/garden.

**Join the summer singers on Sundays in August!** Back by popular demand, we will have a small choir singing at the 10:30 service for the four Sundays of August. This is a great opportunity for bashful singers to join the choir for one, any, or all weeks! No previous experience is required, and you can "learn by doing" by sitting near an experienced singer. Questions or RSVP - Scott Lamlein at music@sjparish.net. Rehearsal begins at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the church, and newcomers should arrive a few minutes early.

**New church management software coming soon.** This week, we started the transition to a new church management system called **realm**, a cloud-based system made by ACS, the same company whose software we've been using since 2015. We ask for your patience if we are temporarily unable to access records (such as if you inquire about your pledge balance) and as we get used to the new system. In addition, please note the following:

- If you have a recurring gift set up through our web site, your recurring gifts WILL transfer to the new system and continue as scheduled.
- However, the login credentials (user name and password) that you've used to manage recurring or one-time
  online gifts will no longer work.
- Likewise, if you use the Church Life app on your smartphone, your login credentials will no longer work. We will share information about a new smartphone app (realm Connect) that will work with the new system.
- If we have a valid e-mail on file for you, you will eventually receive an invitation to set up new login
  credentials for realm. We encourage everyone who has online access or a smartphone to take this step, as
  you will then be able to login to realm to see and manage your contact information and your pledge
  payments and gifts, use the realm Connect app, and more.
- If you have not provided us with your FULL date of birth (if you provided the month and day but not the year), then you are going to be 122 years old according to the new system! It automatically puts 1900 as the birth year if we don't have the actual year. If you notice this when you access your record, please correct it! Or you may send your full DOB to Ellen to make sure we have it on file correctly.

**Blessing of the Backpacks, Sunday, August 28 at both services.** All students and educators are invited to bring your backpack (or briefcase or laptop or whatever else you take to school!) to church on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> so we can send you into the new school year with blessings and support. The blessing will take place at both the 9:00 and 10:30 services.

Yard Goats game, Friday, September 9, 7 p.m. Join us to watch the Yard Goats play the Somerset Patriots at Dunkin Donuts Park in Hartford. Our Choir School will sing *God Bless America* at the seventh inning stretch. Everyone who plans to attend (including Choir School kids) must purchase a ticket ahead of time through St. John's. Tickets are \$13/person. You may pay by cash in the exact amount or check payable to St. John's with "Yard Goats" in the memo. Please mail or drop off your payment to the office, or drop it in the offering plate as long as it is clearly marked. Tickets are limited and must be reserved and paid for by Monday, September 5. First come, first served, so reserve yours soon!

Return to the regular program year schedule, Sunday, September 11. Our new program year begins on Sunday, September 11, with services at 8 and 10:30 a.m., and Christian education for all between the services at 9:30.

CPR and defibrillator training at St. John's: Saturday, October 29 (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.) or Sunday, November 13 (1 – 5 p.m.). As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure the safety of our parish community St. John's will host trainings in CPR and how to use our automatic defibrillator (AED), which is located in Hubbard Hall. Our goal is to train enough people so that there is always someone on site who can respond in the event of a medical emergency. We especially encourage staff and clergy, vestry members, and ushers to attend, but anyone in the parish is welcome. If you'd like to attend, please RSVP to Ellen in the parish office.

#### **GET READY FOR...**



On August 9, we will begin converting from our current church management software (ACS On Demand) to a new cloud-based system, also from ACS, called realm.

**realm** will provide staff and church members with tools to connect with one another, manage pledging and giving, manage parish groups, and more.

#### What does this mean for you?

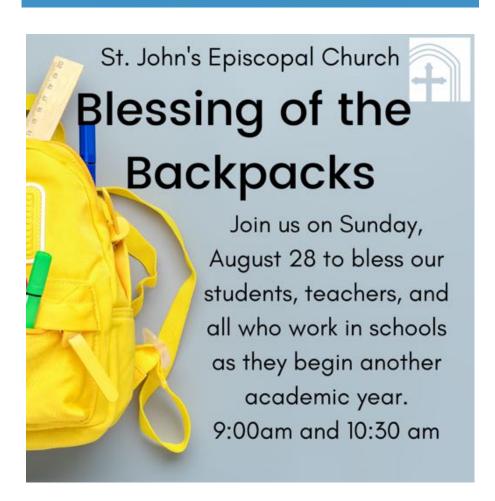
If you have login credentials for online giving and/or the Church Life smartphone app, those credentials will no longer work.

As long as we have a working email address on file for you, you will eventually receive an emailed invitation to set up new credentials for **realm**. We will also share information about how to use the **realm Connect** smartphone app to manage your pledges and gifts, get contact information for others, etc.

If you have recurring online gifts set up, those gifts WILL transfer to the new system.

During the conversion, and for a few weeks after as the staff gets to know the new system, there may be delays in our ability to generate reports or answer questions about parishioner records, such as your pledge balance.

Thank you for your patience during this transition!





# CPR & DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Saturday, October 29
9am to 1pm
OR
Sunday November 13

Sunday, November 13 lpm to 5pm

Help us make St. John's a safe place for all by getting trained in CPR and how to use our automatic defibrillator.

RSVP to Ellen in the parish office.

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#### **SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

9 a.m. in the Cloister Garden 10:30 a.m. in the church (also livestreamed at sjparish.net/services)

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