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The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II August 21, 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 Prelude on Bunessan

Fred Bock (1939-1998)

THE OPENING HYMN 8 Morning has broken *All stand and sing.*

BUNESSAN

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,

for ever and for evermore. Refrain

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by

your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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

Isaiah 58:9b-14

All sit.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 103:1–8

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

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins * and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, * and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

THE SECOND LESSON Hebrews 12:18–29

In the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 315 Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray *All stand and sing*.

Song 1

THE GOSPEL

Luke 13:10–17

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

ow Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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, The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

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 all who bear the burden of poverty, for those who are held unjustly, and for the victims of war, that God will keep them safe and give them hope.

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

O Lord our God, guide us continually so we may flourish like a spring whose waters never fail, and help bring about a world in which the needs of all people are met. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 My shepherd will supply my need

American Folk Melody arr. Virgil Thomson (1896–1989)

Text: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. 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

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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. If you would like to pray with our healing prayer volunteer, go to the baptismal font at the back of the church after receiving Communion.

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 Go

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 624 Jerusalem the golden *All sing.*

EWING

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Offertorio

Domenico Zipoli (1688–1726)

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: Christoph Stretz
The St. John's Summer Singers
Organist and Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein
Organ Scholar: Will Bannon

Ushers: Laura and John Roche

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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 Edie Tenen
Ward Farrell Tom Reichenbach Mary Jo Keating

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Eleanor Hayes Stephen Roberts
Kim Byrd Dennis Winkleblack

William Roche Cat Gillespie Alex Bleicher John Swift

Jim Lawler

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Sera & Abraham Thomas

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Trinity, Southport; Grace Church, Stafford Springs; and for church musicians: organists; choirs and choir directors, bands, community chorister programs, and parish and diocesan committees on liturgy, music, and worship.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

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 sjparish.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 28th 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?

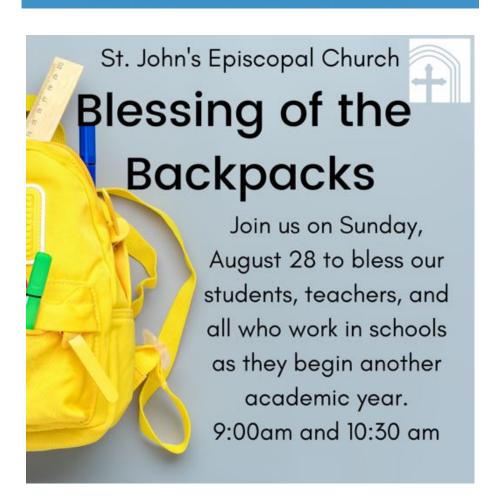
If you have login credentials for online giving and/or the Church Life smartphone app, those credentials will no longer work.

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 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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