

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

August 28, 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 sparish.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 Jesu, joy of man's desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

THE OPENING HYMN 376 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee
All stand and sing.

HYMN TO JOY

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.



Splen-dor and hon-or and king - ly power are yours by right, O Lord our God.
 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. Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

Proverbs 25:6–7

All sit.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalms 112

The people say the words in bold.

- 1 Hallelujah!
 Happy are they who fear the Lord *
 and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; ***
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 **For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 **Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
- 10 **The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?” Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 568 Father all loving, who rulest in majesty

WAS LEBET

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

*Luke 14:1, 7-14**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

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

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

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people say the words in bold.

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 the people of Ukraine, that God will keep them safe from the ravages and cruelties of war and strengthen their resolve to remain a free and democratic nation.

For all students and teachers as the new school year begins; for the poor, the least, and the lonely; and for all those in need of our prayers, that they may be sustained and strengthened by God.

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 God of compassion, you have invited the poor, the sinful, and the forsaken to your feast; hear the prayers we offer this day and let your church always honor your presence in those whom you welcome to your table. Glory to you for ever and ever. **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 & BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Ave verum corpus

Edward Elgar (1901–1930)

Words attributed to Pope Innocent VI (d. 1362)

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

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

THE 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. 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are
 full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 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 344 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

All sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Andante Largo in D for Trumpet

John Stanley (1713–1786)

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

Layreader: Jyothsna Diaz

The St. John's Summer Singers

Organist and Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Organ Scholar: Kelly Roqueza

Ushers: Matt Ciscel, Wes Winterbottom

Healing Prayers: Paul Shaker

Altar Guild: Buffy Ineson

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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
Kim Green	Sue	Anita Winters
Janet Ray	Whitney Lynch	Duccio Rosselli del Turco
Brad Babbitt	Don Cole	Edie Tenen
Ward Farrell	Tom Reichenbach	Mary Jo Keating
Paul L. Peck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Joseph
Virginia Skeele	Gina Giusto	

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton
Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Naomi Cipriano	Sloane Curtis
Wes Winterbottom	Jadzia Genece
Jx Eikel	Benjamin Puzzo
Jim Evans	

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Kent School; South Kent School; Pomfret School; Salisbury School; Wooster School; Rectory School; St. Thomas Day School, New Haven; Trinity Academy, Hartford; the Episcopal Church at UCONN, Storrs; Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven; and Trinity College, Hartford.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia.

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.**

New church management software. We have now transitioned 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 as we get used to the new system. Soon we will share more information about how to sign up for Realm, which will allow you to manage your own record, get contact information for other parishioners, give online, and more.

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 and special adult forum, 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. A special adult forum that day at 9:30 in Hubbard Hall will aim to help people learn about and become involved in various ministries of the church: programs for children and youth, lay readers, ushers, Altar Guild, stewardship, Music at the Red Door/the livestream team, community partnerships and outreach, healing prayers, and the Choir School. Participants in each of these ministries will give a brief overview of what they do, when, and how, so that those attending can explore new ways of being involved in the parish. We'll serve bagels, coffee, and juice. Please join us to connect with one another and prepare for another program year.

Coffee hour resumes on September 11 — Hosts needed! On September 11, we will also resume coffee hour after the 10:30 service, outdoors as weather permits. Each week, we need a coffee hour host. See the graphic on page 16 for more information about what it means to host coffee hour (it's easy and you don't have to provide food!) and how to sign up online.

Potluck lunch after the 10:30 service, Sunday, September 25. There's no program or agenda for this event other than giving us a chance to reconnect and get to know one another better. **Last name starting with A through K:** Please bring a main dish, such as sandwiches or a casserole. **Last name starting with L through Z:** Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert.

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. If you'd like to attend, please RSVP to Ellen in the parish office. **Please note that each session will be capped at 12 participants, so sign up soon to ensure that you get a spot.**

ST. JOHN'S AT THE YARD GOATS
Friday, September 9
7 p.m.

Tickets: \$13 per person
 Reserve your tickets with payment in full via cash or check (payable to St. John's with "Yard Goats" in the memo). Payment must be received by September 5.
 Tickets are limited; first come, first served.




Welcome to a
NEW PROGRAM YEAR
 at St. John's

Regular Sunday schedule
 begins September 11

8am - Spoken Holy Eucharist
9:30am - Christian education for all ages
9am to 12pm - Nursery care available
10:30am - Choral Holy Eucharist

Special adult forum
 @ 9:30 a.m on September 11
 Learn about parish ministries
 and how to get involved.
 Bagels, coffee & juice provided!



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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED!



Coffee hour hosts are responsible for wheeling our parish information/literature cart outside after the 10:30 service (or to Hubbard Hall in bad weather), putting the "Free Coffee" sign outside, staffing the info cart, greeting people (especially newcomers), answering questions/providing information about the church and ministries, and helping to bring everything back indoors afterward. The church provides coffee and light snacks.



**SIGN UP AT
SJPARISH.NET/SUNDAYVOLUNTEERS**

Let's eat!

Everyone is invited to a

Potluck Lunch

Sunday, September 25

After the 10:30 service

EVERYONE is invited to kick off a new program year, enjoy delicious food, and connect with one another!

Last name A-K:

Bring main dish (sandwiches, casserole, etc.)

Last name L-Z:

Bring side dish, salad, or dessert



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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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The Rev. Todd FitzGerald (todd@sjparish.net).....	<i>Priest in Charge</i>
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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

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