

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

July 17, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

Masks are now optional at St. John's. We encourage anyone who is unvaccinated or who is more comfortable wearing a mask to continue to do so. If you are feeling unwell, please stay home or wear a mask until you are feeling better.

It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you need to participate in the service is found in this bulletin and in the blue hymnals in each pew.

If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to sjparish.net/newcomer-form.

Our ushers are here to create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. They have hearing assist devices available for those who need them. We're glad you're here!



Scan to fill out online
newcomer form.

Children are always welcome to be in church with their families. We encourage you to sit up front, as they will be more engaged if they can see and hear what's going on. Children are welcome here just as they are; please don't feel you must leave every time your little one makes a sound! We have children's bulletins, books, and other quiet activities available in the narthex (the entrance with the red doors) for children's use during the service. 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 garden at "Abraham's Welcome" in front of the church.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Jesus Christus herrscht als König

Ernst Pepping (1901–1981)

THE OPENING HYMN 495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

IN BABILONE

All stand and sing.

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 HYMN OF PRAISE

All sing.

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

Music: William Mathias (b. 1934)

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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, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ 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

Genesis 18:1–10a

All sit.

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalms 15

The people say the words in bold.

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

THE SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:15–28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 711 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

SEEK YE FIRST

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 10:38–42

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

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend William J. Eakins

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 those most affected by the difficulties of our current economy, that our leaders will enact wise and effective policies, charitable groups will have the resources to meet rising needs, and all who feel despair and anxiety will be comforted.

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, especially Mary Looney, 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, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for 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

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY Gelobt sei Gott im höchsten Thron

Ernst Pepping (1901–1981)

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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 receive healing prayers, go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave 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 488 Be thou my vision

SLANE

All sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Grand jeu, from 2nd Book of Organ Music

Louis Marchand (1669–1732)

*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: The Reverend Margie Baker

Preacher: The Reverend William J. Eakins

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Bill Lockery

Guest Organist: Douglas Johnson

Ushers: Robert Eikel, Ellen Flynn

Healing Minister: Paul Shaker

Livestream Oversight: Ray Giolitto

Altar Guild: Rosa Guzzo, Carol Sonne

In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

All those whose hurts, burdens, and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Jim Evans	Susan	Ellie Brown	Kimberley
Kim Green	Sue	Anita Winters	Maria Ferreira
Janet Ray	Whitney Lynch	Duccio Rosselli del Turco	Edie
Brad Babbitt	Mary	Joseph	Gary Wait
Ward Farrell	Don Cole	Peter	Emmy Aziz
Jeanne	Tracy Barth	Roe Dean	Jason Sterne
Letha	Karen Licht	Dory Tan	Lily
Susan Donaldson	Karen Doocy	Shirley Blean	

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Sarah Kieffer	John Walsh
Annabel Clapp	Charnley Parr
Cisalee Harrell	JP Evans
Eleanor Barnes	Malcolm Latif
Bob Bainbridge	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Janet & Brad Babbitt
 Eleanor & Jack Barnes
 Lissie & Lynn Brooks
 Heidi & Jeff Gostyla
 Tina & David McCary

Those who have died:

Mary Looney, *sister of Beth Rocco*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Paul's, Riverside; St. Andrew the Apostle, Rocky Hill; Christ Church, Roxbury; and for wardens, treasurers, clerks, and all vestry members; elected delegates; annual parish meetings; and committees, staff, and volunteers who oversee and maintain buildings and grounds.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for The Episcopal Church.

Volunteer for the Kids Community Music Camp, August 22–26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. John’s. We’re delighted to be hosting our Kids Community Music Camp in August after two summers without it due to the pandemic. The camp is all about music, fun, and relationships, and we invite you to be part of it! Adult and youth (high school and up) volunteers provide general support throughout the camp day, and/or provide lunch. See the graphic on page 15 of this bulletin for more information.

Note about July staffing: Todd FitzGerald, our priest in charge, is on vacation in Maine, where he will preach and preside each Sunday in July at a summer chapel in Cape Neddick, as he has for a number of years. Todd will be “offline” for the month, enjoying time with his family. If you have non-urgent church business to discuss with him, please hold off on reaching out until he returns on August 2. Margie and the rest of the staff are available for pastoral, liturgical, program, or administrative issues that come up, so please reach out as needed. If an urgent matter requires Todd’s attention, Margie or Ellen will contact him.

It’s community garden season! Help feed our neighbors. Our community garden has been planted with all kinds of veggies, and we need your help for it to thrive! We have three volunteer jobs for the growing season:

Gardeners sign up for one week at a time, and stop by that week at their convenience to pull weeds, check on the garden’s overall health, and monitor the automatic sprinkler system (e.g., turn it off if it’s a rainy week!).

Harvesters pick veggies on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday morning in preparation for Sunday’s neighborhood produce distribution. **Distributors** prepare veggies for distribution on Sunday morning, and give them away to our neighbors after the 10:30 service. **To sign up for any of these jobs, go to sjparish.net/garden.**



Pssummer Psalms

This July, Monday Night Bible Study takes a deep dive into the songs of our faith. Psalms span the full range of human emotion and catalog all the ways we are in relationship with God and one another. Monday July 11, 18, and 25 at 7pm in Zoom.

July 11: Introduction & psalms of praise

July 18: Psalms of lament & hard-to-pray psalms

July 25: Psalms in prayer, psalms in liturgy

Questions? Email Margie@sjparish.net



Come be part of Music at the Red Door's

KIDS COMMUNITY MUSIC CAMP

August 22 – 26, 2022

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. John's

At this week-long day camp, a diverse group of children (entering grades 3 to 5) will explore the joys of music in a supportive and fun environment.

Professional creatives will teach and run the camp, supported by **adult and youth (high school) volunteers** to provide two types of support: **General support** (supervising bathroom trips and handwashing, helping with activities during free time, etc.), and **lunch support** (providing a homemade or purchased lunch for 25 to 35 people; setting up, serving, cleaning up after lunch).

To foster relationships between campers and volunteers, we ask **general support volunteers** to commit to at least two and up to five mornings, afternoons, or full days of camp, and for **lunch volunteers** to help with one or more lunches.

Contact Ellen at ellen@sjparish.net or 860-523-5201 for more info and to sign up! Volunteers will go through a background check and a brief safety training.

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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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Ralph Valentine	<i>Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus</i>

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