

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*July 31, 2022*

*10:30 a.m.*



## 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. Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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

*Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–23*

*All sit.*

**V**anity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 49:1–11*

*The people say the words in bold.*

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples;  
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
**you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  
**and my heart shall meditate on understanding.**
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
**and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
**when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,**
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  
**and boast of their great riches?**

- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
**or deliver to God the price of our life;**
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
**that we should never have enough to pay it,**
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
**and never see the grave.**
- 9 For we see that the wise die also;  
 like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
**and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,  
 their dwelling places from generation to generation, \*  
**though they call the lands after their own names.**
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*  
**they are like the beasts that perish.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Colossians 3:1–11*

**I**f you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 516 Come down, O Love divine

DOWN AMPNEY

*All stand and sing.*

## THE GOSPEL

*Luke 12:13–21*

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

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

**S**omeone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” But God said to him,

‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Hope 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 the bishops of the Anglican Communion attending the Lambeth Conference, that they may listen, walk, and witness together to the love of Jesus Christ.

For all who are victimized, marginalized, and dehumanized because of their ethnic or racial identity, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or religion, that God will protect them from harm, and equip us as God's people to engage in effective action as we strive for justice and peace, and uphold the dignity of every human being.

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* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; 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 Chorale et Variations (2008)  
Tempo ordinario – Quietamente – Giocoso

Rachel Laurin (b. 1961)

### THE PRESENTATION HYMN

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*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



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 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 594 God of grace and God of glory

CWM RHONDDA

*All sing.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Short Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 557

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

*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 Hope Eakins**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Jyothsna Diaz**Organist:** Scott Lamlein**Ushers:** Don Polk, Jeff Verney**Healing Minister:** Sarah Kieffer**Altar Guild:** Kate Eikel, Bill Lockery*The Bible texts of the Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel lessons are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Church of Christ in the USA, and used by permission.**Hymns used by permission of OneLicense, No. A-724992. All rights reserved. Used by permission.*

**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	Shirley Blean
Ward Farrell	Tom Reichenbach	Edie Tenen

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton  
Christian Dahlstrom

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Michael Mei	Brooklyn Marchion
Lorna Wright	Claudia Ayer
Jim Sharp	Samantha Spillman
David Beers	Annika Roos
John Ineson	Abi Reilly
Thomas Whittemore	

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Susan Knapp Thomas & Brad Thomas  
Enid & Tom Oberholtzer

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Good Shepherd, Shelton; St. Paul's, Shelton; St. Alban's, Simsbury; and for Christ Church Cathedral's ministry in Hartford; the Cathedral Chapter; honorary canons of our Cathedral.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa.

**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. **We especially need lunch provided on Tuesday or Wednesday, along with some additional youth volunteers to provide general support.** You may purchase lunch and bring it to the church, purchase and arrange delivery, or provide something homemade. We need to feed about 30 people.

**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](http://sjparish.net/garden).** **We are also having a garden work day next Saturday, August 6, from 10 to 11 a.m.**


**Join the summer singers on Sundays in August!** Back by popular demand, we will have a small choir singing at the 10:30 service during 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](mailto:music@sjparish.net). Rehearsal begins at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the church, and newcomers should arrive a few minutes early.

**Note about July staffing:** Todd FitzGerald, our priest in charge, is on vacation in Maine, where he is preaching and presiding each Sunday in July at a summer chapel in Cape Neddick, as he has for a number of years. Todd is “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. Todd will be back at Sunday worship next week.

*A message from Scott Lamlein, director of music*

I’m so happy to be back at work at St. John’s this week! It’s been a long time away, and I have missed you all. I’m also very grateful for all who made it possible for me to be on sabbatical these past three months: our amazing clergy and staff; Ray Giolitto (Red Door operations director and music assistant); Ted Babbitt, Christopher Houlihan, and Doug Johnson, who served as guest organists/choirmasters; and our team of singers, pianists, and choir parents. It was a humbling gift to have this break, and I am returning rejuvenated and excited about the future of music at St. John’s.

While away, I went on two spiritual retreats and an organ practice retreat, and performed in both Germany and France, including playing Widor’s 5th Symphony at St-Sulpice in Paris — on the organ that was played by Widor himself. (And I was thrilled to have Kate, Jx, and Bobby Eikel, and Hope and Bill Eakins in attendance at that performance!). All of these were amazing, life-changing experiences, and I invite you to read about them (and see photos and video) at [www.scottlamlein.com/sabbatical22](http://www.scottlamlein.com/sabbatical22).



# St. John's Community Garden Work Day

Saturday, August 6  
10-11am (weather permitting)

Each summer, St. John's provides fresh produce to our neighbors in need through our Community Garden (located at the back of our campus). The garden is thriving, and it's time to give it a little extra TLC! No supplies necessary. We will weed, water, plant, and marvel at the bounty of God's creation.

# Save the date!

ST. JOHN'S AT THE YARD GOATS

**Friday, September 9**

**7 p.m.**

We will again gather at Dunkin' Donuts Park for a baseball game, with the Choir School singing *God Bless America* at the 7th inning stretch. Look for info about reserving tickets in the e-news and bulletin in mid-August!



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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](http://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