

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*September 4, 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](http://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 Prelude on *Cwm Rhondda*

Paul Manz (1919–2009)

THE OPENING HYMN 632 O Christ, the Word Incarnate  
*All stand and sing.*

MUNICH

### 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. Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through 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

*Deuteronomy 30: 15–20*

*All sit.*

**M**oses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 1*

*The people say the words in bold.*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 **Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \***  
**and they meditate on his law day and night.**
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 **It is not so with the wicked; \***  
**they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Philemon 1–21*

**P**aul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN Have thine own way, Lord!

ADELAIDE

*All stand and sing.*

1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! \_\_\_\_\_

1. Thou art the pot - ter, I am the clay! \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Search me and try me, Mas - ter, to - day! \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Wound - ed and wea - ry, Help me, I pray! \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Hold o'er my be - ing Ab - so - lute sway! \_\_\_\_\_

1. Mold me and make me Aft - er thy will, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Pur - er than snow, Lord, Wash me just now, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Pow - er all pow - er Sure - ly is thine! \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Fill with thy Spir - it 'Til all shall see \_\_\_\_\_

1. While I am wait - ing, Yield - ed and still. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. As in thy pres - ence Hum - bly I bow. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine! \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Christ on - ly, al - ways, Liv - ing in me! \_\_\_\_\_

Words: Adelaide A. Pollard (1862-1934)

Music: George C. Stebbins (1846-1945)

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

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

**N**ow large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out

to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

*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 all workers, especially those who perform essential services and who hold multiple jobs, that God will sustain them and help us work toward ensuring that all people have access to safe workplaces and a living wage.

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 Sara Giselle Jose Holguin, 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

*All sit.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC Adagio, *from* Sonata No. 1 in F minor Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

*All stand and sing.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## THE SANCTUS

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 594** God of grace and God of glory  
*All sing.*

CWM RHONDDA

**THE DISMISSAL**

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

**THE VOLUNTARY** Procepción Alegre

Garry Cornell (b. 1940)

*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 Todd FitzGerald

**Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker

**Deacon:** Walter McKenney

**Layreader:** Bill Lockery

**Organist:** Scott Lamlein

**Ushers:** Annabel Clapp, Christoph Stretz

**Healing Prayers:** Ginger Gillespie

**Altar Guild:** Bill Lockery, Nancy Pedersen

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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.



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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 Skeelee	Gina Giusto	Donna Zeiter

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton  
Christian Dahlstrom

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Flora Speer	Julia O'Brien
Troy Gostyla	Lonnie Burt
Jakob Montas	Joan Murphy
Jayden Donnelly	Alexander Grieco
George Hicks	Benjamin Clapp

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Lauren Mascola & John Swift  
Joan & David Murphy  
Katy Hart & Bill Uricchio

**Those who have died:**

Sara Giselle Jose Holguin, *aunt of Carla Abdo-Katsipis, mother of Ramzi and Elena Ayash*

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for L'Eglise de L'Epiphanie, Stamford; St. Andrew's, Stamford; St. Francis', Stamford; and for those involved in the ministry of Christian formation in parishes: church school & youth group directors, teachers, & mentors; adult education leaders; Education for Ministry leaders and students; and those who have been received into The Episcopal Church.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Anglican Church of Australia.

When I first accepted the call to become a healing minister, I had no idea what a rewarding faith experience it would be. When I pray with someone, I feel the most powerful spiritual connection between us and God. As a minister, I truly feel that I get as much out of the experience as I give - perhaps more. That is an unexpected gift. Returning to my place in the pews after praying, I always feel energized, refreshed and renewed. - Chris Byrd, St. John's healing ministry volunteer

**Healing ministers are available to pray with and for anyone who asks at the 10:30 service (at the baptismal font during communion).**

**If you'd like to learn more about becoming a healing ministry volunteer:**

Contact Wes Winterbottom at 860.521.5433 or wesleywinterbottom@hotmail.com

A short training session will be offered this fall starting on October 2 after the 10:30 service.

No experience is necessary. Please prayerfully consider if this ministry is for you.

**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 by Tuesday, September 6 and paid for by September 9.** First come, first served, so reserve yours soon!

**Hartford Pride Festival, Saturday, September 10, Noon to 6 p.m.** St. John's will have a table at next weekend's Pride event in Hartford. Please contact Todd FitzGerald if you can staff the table for a couple of hours. If you attend the festival, stop by our table!

**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 12 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.


**Daily weekday morning prayer via telephone conference call begins on September 12 at 6:45 a.m.** Beginning on Monday, September 12, St. John's will offer Morning Prayer on weekdays from 6:45 to 7 a.m. The service will be held by conference call, so that we can gather for prayer wherever we happen to be in the morning. Anyone interested in participating should contact Robert Eikel at reikel@reikel.org or 917-428-9537 to get conference call information.

**New Bible study series begins online September 12 at 7 p.m.** The Monday evening online Bible study resumes September 12 with a study of the tricky sibling dynamics in the book of Genesis: Jacob and Esau, Leah and Rachel, Joseph and his brothers. The Zoom link is provided in the Thursday and Sunday e-newsletters, or contact Margie Baker so she can add you to a dedicated e-mail list for the Bible study.

**New Women Together book discussion begins September 13, 2 p.m.** Women Together is a group that gathers weekly to explore our Christian faith and practice through book discussion, prayer, and fellowship. We will resume meetings on September 13 from 2 to 3:15 p.m. in the reception room at St. John's, and will begin reading *My Neighbor's Faith*, edited by Jennifer Howe Peace, Or N. Rose & Gregory Mobley. This groundbreaking volume gathers an array of inspiring and penetrating stories about the interreligious encounters of outstanding community leaders, scholars, public intellectuals, and activists from the United States, Europe, and the Middle East. For this meeting we will read Part I: Encountering the Neighbor (pp. 3–41). The books we choose are usually available at Amazon and other booksellers. Women from St. John's, Trinity, St. James's, and St. Monica's churches attend this group, and new people are always welcome. Please contact Sarah Kieffer (kieffer2468@gmail.com) or Erica Weinstock (ericajw@me.com) if you would like additional information.

**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. **Each session will be capped at 12 participants, so sign up soon to ensure that you get a spot. We have five spots left on October 29, and seven spots left on November 13.**




## St. John's Choir School

- For children age 7 1/2 and older.
- Learn the finest choral music along with music theory.
- Sing with other kids and adults at a professional level.
- Sing every Wednesday 5-7pm, one Friday evening per month, and two Sunday mornings per month, plus occasional holiday services and concerts.
- Participate in a vibrant, family-friendly community.
- Contribute to beautiful and meaningful worship.
- Get recognition for progress, including a paid stipend of \$12 to \$40 per month, depending on level of experience and attendance.
- Attend an annual sleepaway choir camp for six days in the summer.
- Make friends and have fun!

There is no enrollment fee. Costs are paid by the church, except for choir camp and certain trips, for which financial aid is available. For more information, go to [reddoormusic.org/choirschool](http://reddoormusic.org/choirschool) or contact Scott Lamlein at 860.523.5201 x324 or [music@sjparish.net](mailto:music@sjparish.net).

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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 6.

Tickets are limited; first come, first served.



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](http://sjparish.net/services))

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