

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

September 11, 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 children 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. Our staffed nursery is open from 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday mornings for children age 5 and younger. Parents are welcome to drop little ones there for part or all of the service, and there is a changing table and rocking chair should your child need to be changed, fed, or soothed.

The cover photo was taken in the St. John's Cloister Garden.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Sinfonia (Cantata 29)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
arr. Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

THE OPENING HYMN 410 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

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 SONG OF PRAISE *Dignus es*

Benjamin Straley (b. 1986)

The refrain is introduced by the choir, then all repeat. The choir sings the verses, and all join in the refrain.

For you created every thing that is,
 and by your will they were created and have their being; *Refrain*
 And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
 for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
 From every family, language, people, and nation,
 a kingdom of priests to serve our God. *Refrain*
 And so, to him who sits upon the throne,
 and to Christ the Lamb,
 Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,
 for ever and for evermore. *Refrain*

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The Rev'd Benjamin Straley is rector of St. Stephen's Church in Providence, former organist of Washington National Cathedral, and a noted concert organist who performed here in 2020. He wrote this song of praise for the Cathedral, and our choir had the honor of premiering it while singing there in July, 2019. His tempo marking is "with much verve," so listen once to the refrain and then help us make a joyful noise to God!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Let us pray. O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

*Exodus 32:7-14**All sit.*

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all

this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 51:1–11

The people say the words in bold and sing the Antiphon as indicated.

Give me a clean heart so I may serve Thee. Lord, fix my
heart — so that I — may be used — by Thee For I'm not wor-
thy of all these bless - ings. Give me a clean heart — and I'll fol-low Thee.

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 1:12–17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 645 The King of love my shepherd is

St. COLUMBA

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 15:1–10

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

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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.

Let us offer our prayers to the God of mercy who seeks the lost and welcomes them with rejoicing, saying: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For the Church and all its people, and especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; Jeffrey, our bishop-elect; and our parish clergy, that our ministries may be signs of mercy and compassion toward all who are estranged from God. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that in this place all may come to know the Lord who welcomes sinners and eats with them. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For our parish Sunday School, our teachers and students, that they will know God's presence in their classrooms and be inspired to seek God's wisdom and truth together this year. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For the people of Ukraine, that they may remain strong in the hope of their just cause, and in the midst of the atrocities of war, may find signs of compassion, love, and justice. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For healing in our cities and communities, that God will bind up the wounds caused by prejudice and discrimination, and open hearts to the gifts each community brings. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For the healing of the earth, that God will guide us in purifying the air, cleaning the water, and restoring natural resources so that all may live in healthy environments. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For our nation as we remember the events of September 11, 2001, that God will pour out the spirit of peace and healing on us and all peoples, and comfort those who still grieve and suffer because of that day and the wars that followed. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all recovering from floods, wildfires, or intensive heat, and for all those commended to our prayers, especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may discover the length and depth of God's loving compassion. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all the departed, remembering especially Donna Zeiter, that God will welcome them as sheep of his own flock and carry them gently home. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant God of mercy and compassion, hear the prayers we offer this day and grant us the zeal of your grace, that we may bring liberty to those in bondage and be faithful disciples of your way, through the power of the Holy Spirit working in us, now and forever. **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 & CHOIR SCHOOL INVESTITURE

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC I was glad

C. Hubert. H. Parry (1848–1918)

Words from Psalm 122

I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord.
 Our feet shall stand in thy gates; O Jerusalem, Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself.
 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee.
 Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

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



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.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

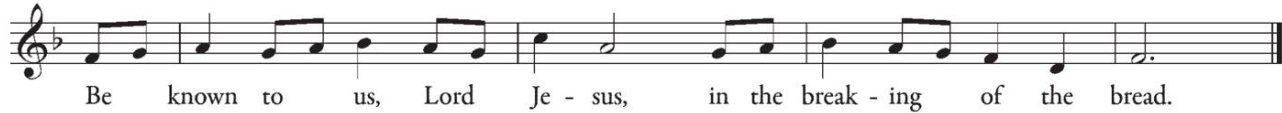
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM Be known to us, Lord Jesus Gary James (b. 1957)

The refrain is introduced by the choir, then all repeat. The choir sings the verses, and all join in the refrain.



The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. **Refrain**

One body are we, alleluia, for though many, we share one bread. **Refrain**

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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. If you are thirsty, drink the cup of life. If you are hungry, eat the bread of life. Blessed are all who hunger for this bread and thirst for this cup.

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 COMMUNION ANTHEM The road home

Stephen Paulus (1949–2014)

Text by Michael Dennis Browne

Soloist: Katherine Reardon

Tell me where is the road I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost, so long ago?
All these years I have wandered, oh, when will I know
There's a way, there's a road that will lead me home?

After wind, after rain, when the dark is done,
As I wake from a dream in the gold of day
Through the air there's a calling from far away,
There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me, come away is the call,
With love in your heart as the only song;
There is no such beauty where you belong,
Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 439 What wondrous love is this

WONDROUS LOVE

All remain seated and sing.

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 665 All my hope on God is founded

MICHAEL

All sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Carillon de Longpont

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

*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 Todd FitzGerald**Deacon:** Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Robert Eikel**Psalterer:** Cate Emerick**The St. John's Choir School and Adult Choir****Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Assisting Organist:** Bruce Henley**Acolytes:** Dawson Biondi, Elise Biondi, Bradley Crocker**Ushers:** Karan Emerick, Ellen Flynn, Mary Sypek, Wes Winterbottom**Healing Prayers:** Wes Winterbottom**Livestream Oversight:** Ray Giolitto**Altar Guild:** June Aziz, Paul Shaker**Nursery Workers:** Morgan Babbitt, Abby Thaxton, Kiley Murphy**Sunday School Teachers:** Jenn Baker, Akilah Williams, Colin Gillespie, Leah Lorenzo**Coffee Hour Host:** Geoff Emerick

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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:

Matteo Donnelly	Joy Pond
Carol Davis	Phoebe Carlisle
Cabot Rosen	Jacqueline Smith
Chris Byrd	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Trig & Sam Cooley
Susan & Paul Thaxton

Those who have died:

Donna Zeiter, *friend of the Crocker and Emerick families*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray St. John's, Stamford; Calvary, Stonington; St. Mark's, Storrs; and the Province of New England: the Dioceses of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Western Massachusetts; their bishops, clergy, parish and diocesan staff, and congregations; the Provincial Synod; and all Provincial Networks.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of Bangladesh.

Coffee hour resumes today — Hosts needed! We are resuming coffee hour today after the 10:30 service, outdoors as weather permits. Each week, we need a coffee hour host. See the graphic below 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 at 6:45 a.m. Starting tomorrow, September 12, St. John's is offering 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 Monday 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 classes 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.**



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.

SIGN UP AT
SJPARISH.NET/SUNDAYVOLUNTEERS

Monday Night Bible Study

Siblings in Genesis

The second half of Genesis grapples with complicated relationships between siblings. What can these stories teach us about our relationship with God and one another? Mondays at 7pm in Zoom, 9/12-10/24 (no meeting 10/10).

Sep. 12	Jacob and Esau's birth	Oct. 3	Dinah, Levi, and Simeon
Sep. 19	Jacob and Esau	Oct. 17	Joseph and his brothers
Sep. 26	Leah and Rachel	Oct. 24	Jacob and Esau (revisited)

For questions, or to be added to the mailing list, email margie@sjparish.net

As someone who has had the blessing of sharing healing prayers on Sundays at the baptismal font, I know how meaningful this is to me and you. My friends in Christ, come to share a prayer for either yourself or someone else. It is very humbling. People trust us with very personal and emotional concerns, often feeling so vulnerable.

On one occasion, I remember someone came for physical healing and would return with a smile on her face every couple of weeks saying that her ankle still hurt. The miracle was not the physical healing; it was the friendship and affection we developed for each other.

Recently, I went with a prayer request of my own. I know God was there as the person praying with and for me was so deliberate and intent in every word he said, speaking directly from the heart. He cared about my situation and me, and God truly multiplied his efforts. These are the memories that truly sustain me and make my faith come alive.

- Paul Shaker, 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.

EVENSONG



COME AND SING!
September 25, 5pm
St. John's Episcopal Church
West Hartford, Connecticut
Singers rehearse at 3pm

MUSIC AT THE RED DOOR, INC.

Events are also available livestreamed
at www.reddoormusic.org



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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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist

The 10:30 service is also livestreamed at sjparish.net/services.

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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