

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*October 16, 2022*

*10:30 a.m.*

## *Welcome!*

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 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.



## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY *from* Kleine Intermezzi: Hermann Schroeder (1904–1984)  
Maestoso, Andante sostenuto

THE OPENING HYMN 372 Praise to the living God! LEONI  
*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 GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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

*Genesis 32:22–31*

*All sit.*

**T**he same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalms 121*

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

My — help comes — from the LORD, the ma - ker of heav'n and earth.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 **My help comes from the Lord, \***  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 **Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \***  
**shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

5 The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 **So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.**

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 **The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.**

*Antiphon*

## THE SECOND LESSON

*2 Timothy 3:14–4:5*

**A**s for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 630 Thanks to God whose Word was spoken

WYLDE GREEN

*All stand and sing.*

## THE GOSPEL

*Luke 18:1–8*

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

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

**J**esus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

*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.*

Like the widow before the judge, let us be persistent in crying out to God for all in need, saying, **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For the Church and all its people, and especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Jeff and Laura, our bishops; and our parish clergy, that all we do may reflect the mercy of the Most High. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that we may be the face of Christ for all who seek justice, and in thanksgiving for the blessings of this life, especially the birth of Avery Curran to Jeff and Kristi Curran. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For the people of Ukraine in the face of increased Russian aggression, that God will strengthen them and give them hope. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For our nation and its leaders, that the Holy Spirit will guide us in all things with wisdom and truth. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For protection of the earth, that God will guide us in being good stewards of God's creation, so that all people may experience the blessings which the earth brings forth. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For the people of Puerto Rico and South Florida, recovering from hurricanes, that they may find the help they need to rebuild their lives and communities. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all who grow weary in seeking relief, justice, or healing, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may find help from the maker of heaven and earth. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all the departed, that they may be safe in the presence of God. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Gracious and Holy God, hear the prayers of your faithful people and fill us with such expectancy and thanks, that we may walk confidently in your way, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, 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 I hear a voice a prayin'

Houston Bright (1916–1970)

I hear a voice a-prayin', Lord, Hallelujah,  
 I hear a voice a-cryin', oh Lord, save-a my soul.  
 Every time I hear a sinner pray, I wonder if I'm ready for the Judgment Day.  
 Every time I hear a sinner cry, I wonder where I'm goin' when I come to die.  
 Every time I hear the parson preach, I wonder if salvation is in-a my reach.



*Houston Bright, son of a Methodist minister and a long-time professor of music at what is now West Texas A&M University, composed over a hundred choral works, but I hear a voice a prayin' is by far his most famous, and one of the few pieces written in this Gospel style.*

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 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,  
 heaven 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.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

Music: William Mathias (1934–1992) Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

*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.**

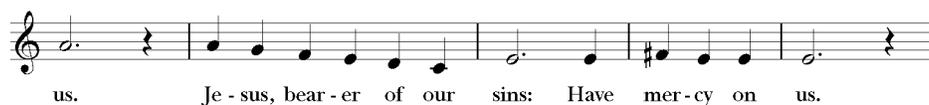
### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*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



*Title:* *The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei*  
*Music:* Gerard R. Near (b. 1942) Copyright © 1985 Aureole Editions, Dallas, Texas.

## 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 Listen, sweet dove

Katherine Burk (b. 1990)

*Sung by the Choir School*

Text: George Herbert

Listen sweet Dove unto my song,  
and spread thy golden wings in me;  
hatching my tender heart so long,  
till it get wing, and flie away with thee.

The sunne, which once did shine alone,  
hung down his head, and wisht for night,  
when he beheld twelve sunnes for one  
going about the world, and giving light.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow,  
that th'earth did like a heav'n appeare;  
the starres were coming down to know  
if they might mend their wages, and serve here.

Lord, though we change, thou art the same;  
the same sweet God of love and light:  
restore this day, for thy great name,  
unto his ancient and miraculous right.



*Katherine Burk is an organist, conductor, vocalist, and composer pursuing the doctor of music degree in organ performance at Indiana University. She currently serves as organ scholar at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, Oregon. Katherine has recently been named to the Diapason's "20 Under 30" list of high-achieving young musicians in the fields of organ and church music.*

## THE COMMUNION HYMN 631 Book of books, our people's strength

LIEBSTER JESU

*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 530 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

GOTT SEI DANK

*All sing.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY *from* Kleine Intermezzi: Poco vivace

Hermann Schroeder

*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:** The Reverend Walter McKenney

**Layreader:** Jeff Verney

**Psalterer:** Jx Eikel

**The St. John's Choir School and Adult Choir**

**Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein

**Organ Scholar:** Yingying Xia

**Acolytes:** Alice Murchie, Caleb Worrell, Ethen Worrell

**Ushers:** Eleanor Barnes, Annabel Clapp, Carlos Diaz, Bette-Jane Hardersen

**Healing Prayers:** Wes Winterbottom

**Livestream Oversight:** Mary Sypek

**Altar Guild:** Bill Lockery, Buffy Ineson, Barbara Roos

**Nursery Worker:** Lilah Lorenzo

**Sunday School Teachers:** Robert Eikel, Akilah Williams, Colin Gillespie, Leah Lorenzo

**Coffee Hour Host:** Julia O'Brien

**The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Wendy F. Vance, Charles D. and Janet M. Peterson, Robert F. and Abbie V.S. Peterson, Thomas R. Tight, and George E. and Abbie B. Van Siclen.**

**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	Eddie Tenen
Ward Farrell	Tom Reichenbach	Mary Jo Keating
Paul L. Peck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Joseph
Virginia Skeelee	Gina Giusto	Robert Connolly
Jackie	Rich & Ginny Flinchbaugh	Noah Torres
Julian Coolidge	Paul Epstein	Ron Grant
Marie Montas	Bruce Lee	Alicia Leggett

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton  
Christian Dahlstrom

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Dawson Biondi  
Helen Douglas  
Merrilee Leonhardt  
Bess Amamoo

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. John's, Waterbury; St. James's, West Hartford; St. John's, West Hartford; and for young adults, young adult ministries and networks, the Episcopal Service Corps, the Young Adult Service Corps of The Episcopal Church, and St. Hilda's House, New Haven.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

***All Souls & All Saints Day Remembrances***

St. John's will observe the feast of All Souls at an evening service on Tuesday, November 1, and All Saints Day on Sunday, November 6. We invite parishioners to submit names of loved ones who have died so we may remember them on these sacred days. Below, please write the names you would like included, then tear off the form and put it in the offering plate or box. Or you may call or e-mail Ellen in the parish office at 860-523-5201, ellen@sjparish.net. **Names must be received in the parish office by Monday, October 24.**

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Celtic worship service, TODAY at 5 p.m.** Join us for Celtic Eucharist this afternoon and again on November 20 at 5 p.m. Celtic Christian worship incorporates prayer, silence, music, and communion to nourish body, mind, and spirit. Like our summer outdoor services, Celtic worship at St. John's is somewhat less formal than our regular Sunday morning worship; it is designed for all ages and everyone is welcome. Tonight's service is followed by a potluck supper—bring something to share if you're able.

**Sign up to host coffee hour (it's easy!).** The coffee hour host staffs our red Information Station cart, and is available to greet people and provide information about the church and our ministries. You do not have to provide food or prepare ahead of time, and the cart has plenty of written information so you're not expected to know the answer to every question! In warm weather, coffee hour is outdoors and the host wheels the cart outside after the 10:30 service. In colder weather, coffee hour is in the carpeted part of Hubbard Hall and the cart "lives" there. Sign up at [sjparish.net/sundayvolunteers](http://sjparish.net/sundayvolunteers).

**Choral Evensong with the St. John's Choirs, Sunday, October 23, 5 p.m.** The ancient and beautiful service of Choral Evensong is presented on the fourth Sunday of selected months at St. John's. Join us on October 23 at 5 p.m. for this time of music and worship. Sung by the St. John's Choir School & Adult Choir; Scott Lamlein, organist/choirmaster.

**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. 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.**

**Calling all knitters: The prayer shawl ministry returns!** Our mission is to create a warm embrace for those in need of comfort, encouragement, love, or renewal by knitting beautiful prayer shawls for clergy or parishioners to give to others. We have knitted hundreds of shawls over the past eighteen years. Please consider joining us on Wednesday afternoons between 1 and 3 p.m. in the Reception Room as we knit together. If you have any questions please call Cindy Lawler at (860) 841-3653.

**Help share our beautiful altar flowers.** We recently hired a new florist, Sandy from A Special Place, who is doing a beautiful job with the floral arrangements on the high altar each Sunday. After the 10:30 service, we like to share the flowers with members of the congregation rather than discarding them, but we need some help to make that happen! We're looking for volunteers to get the flowers off of the high altar after the service is over, divide them into smaller bouquets, wrap the bouquets (we provide florist foil), and give them away—to other churchgoers (perhaps someone whose birthday or anniversary is listed in the bulletin?) or to parishioners who would like to take them to a friend or family member. If you can help in this way, contact Buffy Ineson, chair of the Altar Guild at [buffyineson@gmail.com](mailto:buffyineson@gmail.com).



In the September stewardship newsletter, Todd FitzGerald asked us to consider how our participation in programs and activities at St. John's causes reverberations in our life: "What aspects of our common life touch your soul and cause you to feel joy more deeply? In what ways does your involvement at St. John's fill your life with gratitude? Our worship and music, Christian formation programs and youth activities, and our faithful efforts to support and get to

know our neighbors make St. John's a place of beauty, joy and welcome for many."

During this stewardship season please consider how you can help support St. John's. We encourage everyone to participate as you are able in the financial/budgetary life of the parish by making a pledge for 2023.

Pledge cards will be mailed in late October, and available to pick up at church. You may also pledge online at [sjparish.net/pledge](http://sjparish.net/pledge). We hope to receive completed pledge cards on or before Commitment Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. For more information, go to [sjparish.net/giving](http://sjparish.net/giving), and/or reach out to our stewardship chairs, Kim Byrd or Matt Ciscel.



# TRUNK OR TREAT

## SUNDAY, OCT. 30

### 4:00–5:30 PM

COME ONE, COME ALL TO A SAFE AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY HALLOWEEN EVENT IN OUR PARISH PARKING LOT! BRING YOUR LITTLE GHOULS, GOBLINS, PIRATES, AND BUTTERFLIES FOR PLENTY OF TREATS (NO TRICKS) BEFORE SUNSET.

WANT TO HELP HOST? DECORATE YOUR CAR OR A TABLE (PROVIDED BY THE CHURCH) AND COME GIVE OUT TREATS – IN COSTUME IF YOU WISH! WE ALSO WELCOME DONATIONS OF CANDY OR SMALL TRINKETS, SUCH AS STICKERS.

SIGN UP AT [SJPARISH.NET/TRUNKORTREAT](http://SJPARISH.NET/TRUNKORTREAT)

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(CORNER OF FARMINGTON AND S. HIGHLAND)

# EVENSONG



## St. John's Choir School & Adult Choir

### October 23, 5pm

St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford

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MUSIC AT THE RED DOOR, INC.  
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# St. John's Episcopal Church

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

## STAFF

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## VESTRY

Geoff Emerick .....	<i>Warden</i>
Kara Hart.....	<i>Warden</i>
Anne Harney and John Roche.....	<i>Co-Treasurers</i>

2020–22: June Aziz, Annabel Clapp, Jyothsna Diaz

2021–23: Robert Eikel, Julia O'Brien

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