

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II & COMMITMENT SUNDAY

November 13, 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 sjparish.net/newcomer-form.

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



Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

Children are always welcome to be in church with their families. We encourage you to sit up front, as 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 Prelude on *Wer nur en lieben Gott*

Mark Fax (1911–1974)



Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Mark Fax was a child prodigy who was employed by age 14 as a theater organist and church organist. Fax studied at Syracuse University, where he earned a B.Mus. in 1933, then at Eastman where he earned a master's degree in composition, studying with Howard Hanson. He founded and chaired the music department at Paine College in Georgia. From 1947 to 1972, Fax taught music theory at Howard University and served as director of the school of music. Fax composed works for chorus, symphony, chamber ensemble, voice, piano, and organ, in addition to two full-length operas.

THE OPENING HYMN 7 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

RATISBON

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. Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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

Malachi 4:1-2a

All sit.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 98

*The people say the responses in **bold** and sing the antiphon as indicated.*



- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 **With his right hand and his holy arm ***
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 **He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, ***
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. *Antiphon*
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 **Sing to the Lord with the harp, ***
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

8 **Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

Antiphon

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 **In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.**

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee

WER NUR EN LIEBEN GOTT

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:5–19

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

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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.

As the time draws near, let us offer prayers in the name of Jesus, the one to whose name we must bear witness in all the earth, 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 we may continue to offer new hope and vision to all the human family in times of confusion and chaos. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For this community of God's people, that we may be good stewards of all God's gifts to us and use them wisely in the service of others. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For the healing of minds and hearts where division and mistrust prevail, that God's peace may touch hearts and lead us toward reconciliation and healing. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For peace, especially in Ukraine, that God will bring an end to violence and conflict and protect all who live in the shadow of war and terror. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For veterans who have fought for freedom, laid down their lives for others, borne suffering of mind or body, and brought their best gifts to times of need, that their example will strengthen our resolve to labor in faithful service to you until all share the benefits of freedom, justice, and peace. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may be strengthened by God's transforming love. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For the departed, remembering especially Mary Stoughton, that they may enter into the eternal life promised to those who persevere to the end. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant God of all eternity, hear our prayers and let each new day be for us a time to testify to the all-embracing love of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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

During the Offertory, all are invited to come forward to place your 2023 pledge cards, gratitude cards, and/or regular weekly offerings in the basket on the chancel steps. Blank pledge and gratitude cards are in the pews. After you have come forward, return to your pew via the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward, please alert one of the ushers, who will come get your offerings from you.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Christ is our cornerstone

Noel Rawsthorne (1929–2019)

Text: translated from the Latin by J. Chandler

Christ is our cornerstone, on him alone we build; with his true saints alone
 The courts of heaven are filled; on his great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.
 Here, gracious God, do thou forevermore draw nigh; accept each faithful vow,
 And mark each suppliant sigh; in copious shower on all who pray, each holy day, thy blessings pour.
 O then with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring; our voices we will raise
 The three in one to sing; and thus proclaim in joyful song both loud and long, that glorious name.



At the age of eight, Noel Rawsthorne became a chorister at Liverpool Parish Church, which started his interest in the pipe organ. He became organist of Liverpool Cathedral in 1955, and served in this capacity until 1980. His work with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra included supervision of the refurbishment of the organ in the Philharmonic Hall, and he sustained substantial friendships, personal and professional, with successive maestros of the Philharmonic.

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on
 us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.
 Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei
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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

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 With what shall I come before the Lord Jane Marshall (1924–2019)

Text: Micah 6:6–8

With what shall I come before the Lord when I bow before the God on high?

Should I come to Him with burnt offerings, with year-old calves?

Would the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I present my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man, what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you but to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

THE COMMUNION HYMN 592 Teach me, my God and King

CARLISLE

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 397 Now thank we all our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

All sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Chorale Fantasia on *Nun danket alle Gott*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

*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 and Preacher: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Robert Eikel

Psalterer: Emma Evica

The St. John's Adult Choir

Organist and Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Organ Scholar: Yingying Xia

Acolytes: Ethen Worrell, Caleb Worrell, Sahara Barrow

Ushers: Annabel Clapp, Carlos Diaz, Donielle Joslyn, Dan Minster, Virginia Van Dyk

Healing Prayers: Sarah Kieffer

Livestream Oversight: Francis Lamlein

Altar Guild: Kate Eikel, Bette-Jane Hardersen

Nursery Workers: Morgan Babbitt, Olivia Thaxton

Sunday School Teachers: Taffy Wilcox, Akilah Williams, Colin Gillespie, Leah Lorenzo

Coffee Hour Host: Marcos Donnelly

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Hester B. Carter, Alexander and Roselle Winterbottom, N. William Wawro, Wendy Wright Collins, Elsa M. Lattey, Erik F. Lattey, Andrya Ramer, and Margaret Rehm Rothschild; and in celebration of the wedding anniversary of Kate and Robert Eikel.

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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	Eddie Tenen
Ward Farrell	Tom Reichenbach	Mary Jo Keating
Paul L. Peck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Joseph
Virginia Skeelee	Gina Giusto	Robert Connolly
Jackie	Paul Epstein	Noah Torres
Julian Coolidge	Bruce Hatch Lee	Ron Grant
Marie Montas	Maisie Smith	Alicia Leggett
Erna Lawrence	Marcos Donnelly	

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton
Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays:

Madeline Patten	Rick Joslyn
Stanley Giliberto	Merriol Almond
Philip Nelson	Erica Williams
James Baker	Stella Spletstoesser
Bill Eakins	Jaime Patten
Mason Donnelly	

Those celebrating anniversaries:

Kate & Robert Eikel

Those who have died:

Mary Stoughton, *member of St. John's*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Paul's, Windham; Grace Church, Windsor; St. James', Winsted; All Saints', Wolcott; and ministries with older adults, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and the Daughters of the King.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

Christmas gift card program for local families. St. John's is pleased to continue our Christmas tradition to sponsor 60 children in the *Stronger Families Stronger Futures* (SF2) network this year. Your contribution provides good cheer and lasting memories to the tiniest clients and their families as they will receive holiday relief with your assistance. SF2 has again asked us to purchase gift cards to fulfill a family's wish list. We know that St. John's parishioners can make this Christmas brighter for many local families! Here are suggestions for store gift cards in increments of \$10-\$50:

- Toy stores (Disney, Lego, Build-A-Bear, Walmart, Big Lots, Job Lots)
- Grooming services (SuperCuts, Top Nails, Bath & Body Works)
- Affordable clothing stores (Marshalls, TJ Maxx, Burlington, Target)
- Groceries (Aldi, Stop&Shop, Shop Rite, Price Chopper)
- Car service or gas (AutoZone, Citgo, Sunoco, Cumberland Farms)
- Restaurants (Chili's, Olive Garden, Domino's, Dunkin')

Please consider adding a gift card to your order when you are out shopping for your own family. If you prefer, you can make a financial contribution and we will purchase gift cards for you (please note "Christmas Gift Cards" in the memo portion of your check.) **Donations are due at St. John's by Sunday, December 4th.** Place gift cards in an envelope marked "Christmas Gift Cards" and do one of the following:

- Drop off at the church office 9am to 4pm Mon - Thursday, and 9am to 2pm Fridays. Come to the office entrance and ring the bell.
- Mail to the church office postmarked by Tuesday, November 22nd.
- Bring to church on Sundays in November or the first Sunday in December and place your envelopes in the collection plate.
- Contact Rachel Boccio at rboccio16@gmail.com or Beth Kauczka at bkauczka@gmail.com to make arrangements for us to pick up your donation if you are homebound.

Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Keep up with Margie's travels in the Holy Land. Our assistant rector, Margie Baker, left on November 4 for a trip to St. George's College in Jerusalem. She won this trip as an award in seminary, but was unable to go before now due to the pandemic. She has a blog where she posts photos and reflections; go to margiefbaker.wordpress.com. Margie will be back in the office on Thursday, November 17.

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 anything, and the cart has plenty of written information so you don't need 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. *(And while we no longer ask coffee hour hosts to provide food, anyone—the host, an individual, a family, or a parish ministry group—may provide food for any coffee hour. It will be appreciated! No need to sign up, just bring something to share.)*

Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m. Join us on Thanksgiving morning to give thanks to God with a service including hymns and homily.

Christmas Festival, Saturday, December 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The annual Christmas Festival—one of our two major fundraisers for the year—will move back indoors this year and include beloved traditions along with new ideas. **Full details about how you can participate have been sent via the e-news, so check your email!** To sign up to help on the day of the festival, go to sjparish.net/christmasfestivalhelp. To donate baked goods, homemade soup, or crafts, sign up at sjparish.net/christmasfestivaldonate. Contact the Christmas Festival chair, Annabel Clapp, with questions at annabeltrickett@yahoo.com.

Pipes Alive! with Susan Carroll, Sunday, December 4, 12:30 p.m. The next organ concert in our Pipes Alive! series will feature Susan Carroll, organist and music director at Asylum Hill Congregational Church. Free admission with suggested donation of \$20.

Candlelight Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols, Sunday, December 11, 3 p.m. A “must” to center your soul during the Advent season! In the tradition of King’s College, Cambridge, prepare your soul for the Christmas miracle with carols for choir and organ. This event is a long-standing tradition at St. John’s—arrive early to get a good seat.



This weekend we celebrate the culmination of our stewardship campaign with Commitment Sunday. You are invited to bring your completed pledge card forward if you haven’t already turned in your pledge for 2023. There will also be an opportunity to write words of gratitude on a card and bring that forward as well. There are pledge cards and blank gratitude cards in the pews.

We so appreciate your financial support for St. John’s in 2023. Thank you for your overall contributions to our worship and ministries, as we work together to share the word of God among us and across our community. St. John’s is a vibrant and flourishing community because of our ongoing participation and financial commitment to it.

A Episcopal Prayer for Stewardship

Abundant God, you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity that is both gift and response. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received—abundantly, generously, and joyfully, that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace. In the name of the Three in whom we are One, Amen.

Dignity Grows

Service Project Kick-off Party

Sunday, November 20, 12-2pm

Hubbard Hall, St. John's WH

St. John's Youth Group is partnering with Hartford-based organization Dignity Grows to provide free, comprehensive menstrual and sanitary products to those in need.

Come meet staff from Dignity Grows and learn more about their mission, the need for sanitary products, and how youth from our community can support their efforts. You do not have to have participated in prior youth events to join this effort- all are welcome! Interested adults are welcome to attend to learn more and support our youth's service project!

Lunch will be served, and virtual participation is possible. For questions or to receive the Zoom link, please contact Kate

Eikel at kate.eikelegmail.com

PIPES ALIVE!



Susan Carroll

December 4, 12:30pm

St. John's, West Hartford, CT

MUSIC AT THE RED DOOR, INC.
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St. John's Choir School
and Adult Choir
Scott Lawton, choirmaster
Flora Higgins, organist

CANDLELIGHT FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS
in the tradition of King's College, Cambridge, England

- Free admission
- Donations welcome
- In-person and livestreamed
- Reception to follow

Sunday, December 11, 2022 3:00pm

Music at the Red Door
St. John's Episcopal Church
679 Farmington Ave (over the road)
West Hartford, CT 06108
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ROBERTS
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Happy Thanksgiving from St. John's!

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Join us for Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. in church or online.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST. JOHN'S

December 3, 10am to 2pm

Christmas Festival offering gifts, crafts, wreaths & more

December 11, 3pm

Candlelight Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols with the St. John's Choirs

December 18, 10:30am

Christmas pageant

December 24

4pm

Holy Eucharist with the St. John's Choir School Musical prelude starts at 3:45pm

11pm

Holy Eucharist with the St. John's Adult Choir Musical prelude starts at 10:30pm

December 25, 10:30am

Holy Eucharist with hymns

St. John's Episcopal Church

A place to discover connections with God and one another in Christ

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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.

Choral Evensong or Celtic Eucharist at 5 p.m. on select Sundays.

Daily Morning Prayer by phone at 6:45 a.m. Monday through Friday

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