

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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## *Christ the King*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*November 20, 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](http://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 Air

Florence Price (1887–1953)



*Florence Price was an American classical composer, pianist, organist, and music teacher. Price was educated at the New England Conservatory of Music, and was active in Chicago from 1927 until her death in 1953. Price was the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer, and the first to have a composition played by a major orchestra. Price composed more than 300 works. In 2009, a substantial collection of her works and papers was found in her abandoned summer home.*

THE OPENING HYMN 290 Come, ye thankful people, come  
*All stand and sing.*

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

### 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, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; 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

*Jeremiah 23:1–6*

*All sit.*

**W**oe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalms 46*

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

The musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The melody is written on the treble staff, and the accompaniment is on the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The word 'LORD' is in all caps. The text is: 'The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our strong-hold.'

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \***  
**and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

4 **The Lord of hosts is with us; \***  
**the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
 the holy habitation of the Most High.

6 **God is in the midst of her;**  
**she shall not be overthrown; \***  
**God shall help her at the break of day.**

*Antiphon*

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
 God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8 **The Lord of hosts is with us; \***  
**the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

9 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, \*  
 what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 **It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \***  
**he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,**  
**and burns the shields with fire.**

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
 I will be exalted among the nations;  
 I will be exalted in the earth."

12 **The Lord of hosts is with us; \***  
**the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

*Antiphon*

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Colossians 1:11–20*

**M**ay you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 421 All glory be to God on high  
*All stand and sing.*

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HOH

## THE GOSPEL

*Luke 23:33–43**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**W**hen they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

*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.*

Let us pray to Christ enthroned on high, who gathers the scattered sheep and shepherds them, that they may be fruitful and exercise justice and righteousness.

For the Church and all its people, and especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Jeff and Laura, our bishops; and our parish clergy, that in all times and places we may bear witness to God's reign of justice, love, and peace. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that we may recognize Christ in one another and respect the dignity of every person, and for Daniel Katsipis, who was baptized at the 8:00 service today. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For strong faith, that in times of chaos and confusion, we may be confident that Christ will defeat all evils, including death, and lead us to fullness of life with God. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all elected officials, that they may follow the example of Jesus, who served those in need and reached out to those who were forgotten. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For the healing of our nation, that God will guide us toward a greater respect for one another and renewed commitment to our common values. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all who will celebrate Thanksgiving this week, that our hearts may be filled with gratitude for the gifts we have received and with generosity toward those in need. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For transgender and gender-nonconforming people, that in the face of persecution and misunderstanding, they may know that they are beloved children of God, and find hope and welcome in the beloved community of God's people. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all who struggle with life's demands, particularly the poor, migrants, and refugees; the homebound; those on our parish prayer list; and all in need of our prayers. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, that they may be welcomed into eternal life and share in the joy of God's presence forever. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Gracious Shepherd, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realm. Hear the prayers we offer this day, and grant that we may know the kindness of your care and the riches of your glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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 ANTHEM Since by man came death *from* Messiah G.F. Handel (1685–1759)  
Text: I Corinthians 15:21–22

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.



*George Frederick Handel was a German-British Baroque composer well known for his operas, oratorios, anthems, concerti grossi, and organ concertos. He was strongly influenced both by the middle-German polyphonic choral tradition and by composers of the Italian Baroque. He is consistently recognized as one of the greatest composers of his age. Messiah, Water Music, and Music for the Royal Fireworks remain steadfastly popular. One of his four coronation anthems, Zadok the Priest, has been performed at every British coronation since 1727. He died a respected and rich man, and was given a state funeral at Westminster Abbey.*

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

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*All stand and sing.*

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



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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  
 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.

*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 MOTET Ave verum corpus

Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

*Ave verum corpus, natum ex Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum vero fluxit sanguine, esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine. O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Iesu, fili Mariae.*

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who having truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mankind. Whose pierced side flowed with (water and) blood, May it be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death. O clement, O pious, O sweet Jesus, son of Mary.

## THE COMMUNION HYMN 478 Jesus, our mighty Lord

MONK'S GATE

*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 544 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

DUKE STREET

*All sing.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson (1922–1987)

*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:** Paul Shaker

**Psalterer:** Dana Crocker

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

**Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein

**Assisting Organist:** Bruce Henley

**Organ Scholar:** Yingying Xia

**Acolytes:** Alice Murchie, Bradley Crocker, Dorian Ciscel

**Ushers:** Jo Anne Burgh, Steve Crocker, Robert Eikel, Jeff Gostyla

**Healing Prayers:** David Grimaldi

**Livestream Oversight:** Elijah Clapp

**Altar Guild:** Buffy Ineson, Barbara Roos, Carol Sonne

**Nursery Workers:** Morgan Babbitt, Caroline Thaxton

**Sunday School Teacher:** Taffy Wilcox

**The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Damon Clemow and Byron Renz.**

**In your prayers this week, please pray for:**

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

All those whose hurts, burdens, and fears are unspoken or unknown.

**Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:**

Jim Evans	Susan	Ellie Brown
Kim Green	Sue	Anita Winters
Janet Ray	Whitney Lynch	Duccio Rosselli del Turco
Brad Babbitt	Don Cole	Edie Tenen
Ward Farrell	Tom Reichenbach	Mary Jo Keating
Paul L. Peck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Joseph
Virginia Skeelee	Gina Giusto	Robert Connolly
Jackie	Paul Epstein	Noah Torres
Julian Coolidge	Bruce Hatch Lee	Ron Grant
Marie Montas	Maisie Smith	Alicia Leggett
Erna Lawrence	Marcos Donnelly	Joan Renz
Darryl Kahrman		

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton  
Christian Dahlstrom

**Those celebrating birthdays:**

Margaret Smith  
Allyson Davis  
Beth Grieco

**Those celebrating anniversaries:**

Mary & Spencer Sloan

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. Paul's, Woodbury; St. John the Evangelist, Yalesville; Grace Church, Yantic; and for the health and well-being of persons employed by The Episcopal Church, the presiding bishop, and the president of the House of Deputies of The Episcopal Church.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

**Dignity Grows kick-off, TODAY after the 10:30 service.** The EYC (youth group) will meet after the 10:30 service today to learn more about Dignity Grows, an organization that provides menstrual and sanitary products to those in need. Interested adults are also welcome to attend.

**Celtic Eucharist, TODAY 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.

**New online Bible study starts on Monday, November 21, at 7 p.m.** The next Bible study series, from November 21 through December 19, will focus on Jesus' ministry in Capernaum, his "home base" from which he went out to share the good news of God's kingdom. The Zoom link is provided in the Thursday and Sunday e-news, and you may contact Margie at [margie@sjparish.net](mailto:margie@sjparish.net) to be added to her dedicated Bible study e-mail list.

**Advent 1 education hour, Sunday, November 27, 9:30 a.m.** Believe it or not, Advent starts next Sunday! People of all ages are invited to an intergenerational education hour where you can pick up supplies for your Advent spiritual practices (including a devotional, wreaths, candles, and more). Suggested donation: \$10 for a wreath and candles, \$5 for candles only. We'll also be making sandwiches for Loaves and Fishes. **Sign up to provide sandwich supplies at [sjparish.net/sandwiches](http://sjparish.net/sandwiches).**

**DEADLINE DECEMBER 4! 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](mailto:rboccio16@gmail.com) or Beth Kauczka at [bkauczka@gmail.com](mailto:bkauczka@gmail.com) to make arrangements for us to pick up your donation if you are homebound.

Thanks in advance for your generosity!

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

**Socks, hats, gloves, and more needed for Blessing Bags.** With the abrupt turn to cold weather, we've had more people stopping by asking for winter accessories, and we need to restock our supplies. To purchase items from our Amazon wish list and have them delivered to the church, go to [sjparish.net/blessingbags](http://sjparish.net/blessingbags). We also welcome any other donations of new gloves, hats, warm socks, and basic toiletries for adults. Thank you!

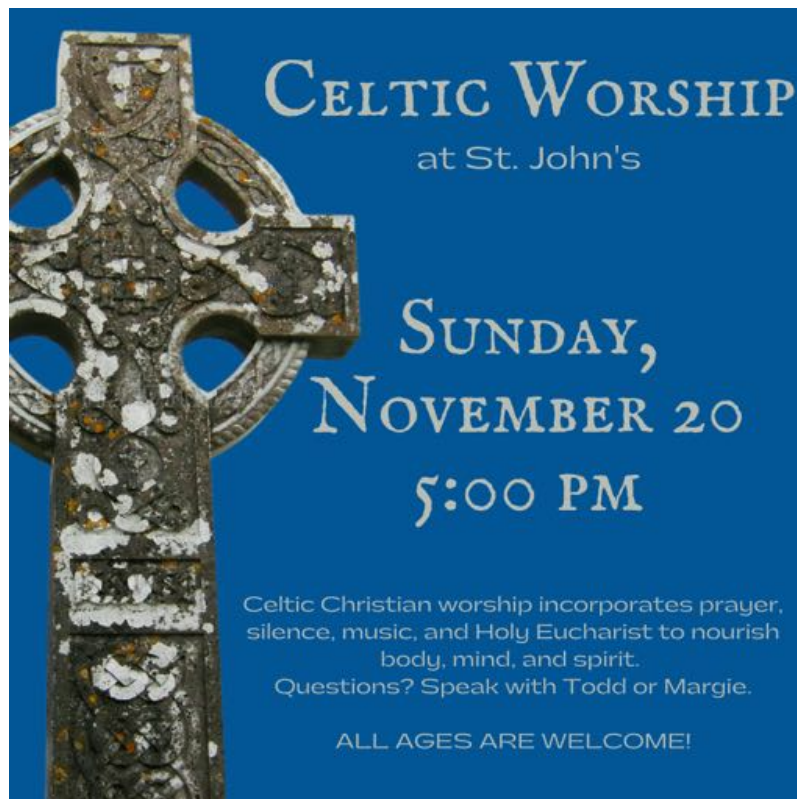
**Christmas Festival, Saturday, December 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** The annual Christmas Festival—one of our two major fundraisers for the year—will move back indoors this year and include beloved traditions along with new ideas. **Full details about how you can participate have been sent via the e-news,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

- **The wreath decorating night is coming up on Thursday, December 1 at 7 p.m.** All parish adults are welcome to attend this fun and creative evening! We'll provide evergreen wreaths, ribbon, ornaments, and other baubles for you to create unique decorations to sell at the Christmas Festival. Beverages and snacks are also provided. No need to sign up — please join us!
- **We're collecting gently used jewelry and accessories (hats, belts, purses, etc.) for the popular Chic Boutique table at the festival.** Please drop off your donations no later than Friday morning, December 2.

**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.

**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](http://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.)*



**Thank you, thank you, thank you** to those of you who have already pledged and supported our annual giving campaign! St. John's is the vibrant and flourishing community it is because of both our ongoing participation and our financial commitments. Thank you also to those who assisted in our annual stewardship campaign by serving on the vestry and Stewardship Committee, taking photos that we used, writing notecards to other parishioners, and sharing your story during the service and in our newsletters! If you have not yet done so, please join us in prayerfully considering and faithfully making a pledge to St. John's Church. Your prompt pledges are so important, as they enable us to develop a budget and plan for the year ahead. Blank pledge cards are on the literature tables at both church entrances, or you may pledge online at [sparish.net/pledge](http://sparish.net/pledge). - *Kim Byrd and Matt Ciscel, co-chairs of the Stewardship Committee*



This list includes pledges received as of Tuesday, November 15.  
The names of *new pledgers* are in italics.

*Mia Agosto, Silvia Agosto, Emhart & June Aziz, Brad & Janet Babbitt, Bob & Mary Bainbridge, Richard & Wendy Bartlett, David & Marian Beers, Shirley Blean, Rachel Boccio, Carlos Branco & Allison Tichy, Lynn & Lissie Brooks, Chris & Kim Byrd, Betsy & Greg Chicares, Stephan & Francine Christiansen, Matt & Alina Ciscel, Elijah & Annabel Clapp, Brian & Susan Clemow, Kate Coley, Robert & Edith Connolly, Sam & Trig Cooley, Molly Cooper, Carlos & Jyothsna Diaz, Pam Dimock, Martin Dodd, Matteo & Marcos Donnelly, Christine Doty, Joe Duffy, Linda Dunakin, Bill & Hope Eakins, Bobby Eikel, Jx Eikel, Robert & Kate Eikel, Virginia Eikel, Geoff & Karan Emerick, Tony & Carole Erdman, Todd & Amy FitzGerald, Rich & Ginny Flinchbaugh, Colin & Ginger Gillespie, Tim Goetz, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Anne Harney, Jane Harris, Matthew & Kara Hart, Ross & Susie Hatch, Patricia & Ronald Hensley, Ryan & Jenn Hill, Frisha Hugessen, Ann Hutchinson, John & Buffy Ineson, Richard Jacques, *Donielle & Rick Joslyn*, Iacovos Katsipis & Carla Abdo-Katsipis, John & Beth Kauczka, Bert & Mary Jo Keating, Sarah Kieffer, Betty Knorr, Ann Krissing, Pamela Lamlein, Scott & Mary Beth Lamlein, *Richard Lammlin*, Jim & Cindy Lawler, Tom & Wendy Lincoln, Bill Lockery, Michael & Lisa Mahoney, William McBride, David & Tina McCary, Jackie McCauley, Patrick Miller, *Dan Minster*, Marnie Mueller, Stewart & Leah Murchie, Ann Newbury, *Tom & Enid Oberholtzer*, Jim & Julia O'Brien, Harriet Odlum, Caleb Peck & Angela Allen-Peck, *Juliette Peck*, Nancy Pedersen, William & Agnes Peelle, David & Sandy Pond, Christa Rakich & Janis Milroy, *Katie & Patrick Reardon, Rai Reyes*, John & Laura Roche, Pieter & Barbara Roos, Mary Russell, Judith Schaffer, Paul Shaker & Cleveland Williams, Jim Sharp, Nancy Skeelee, Charles & Carol Sonne, Flora Speer, Reid Sterrett, Christoph & Dale Stretz, John Swift & Lauren Mascola, Abraham & Sera Thomas, Bowie Thomas, Erika Ulrich, Jeff & Pamela Verney, Audrey Walker, Lyn Walker & Tyler Smith, John & Anne Walsh, *Erica Weinstock*, Michael & Jackie Wells, Ted Whittemore, John Wilcox & Virginia Van Dyk, Taffy Wilcox, Sherwood & Maggie Willard, Dennis & Jeanne Winkleblack, Wesley Winterbottom, Brenda Zanta*



# 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](mailto:kate.eikelegmail.com)

## 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.



St. John's Church

# CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

**Saturday, December 3**  
**10am to 2pm**

Sign up to donate baked goods,  
homemade soup, or crafts at  
[sjparish.net/christmasfestivaldonate](http://sjparish.net/christmasfestivaldonate)

Sign up to help staff the festival at  
[sjparish.net/christmasfestivalhelp](http://sjparish.net/christmasfestivalhelp)

Food ☆ Crafts ☆ Wreaths ☆ Gifts

# PIPES ALIVE!



## Susan Carroll

**December 4, 12:30pm**  
**St. John's, West Hartford, CT**

MUSIC AT THE RED DOOR, INC.  
[www.reddoormusic.org](http://www.reddoormusic.org) 

St. John's Choir School  
and Adult Choir  
Scott Lander, chormaster  
Floyd 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 railroad)  
West Hartford, CT 06109  
[RedDoorMusic.org](http://RedDoorMusic.org)

## 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*

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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).

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

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2021–23: Robert Eikel, Julia O'Brien

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