

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*All Saints Sunday*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*November 6, 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.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Adagio

Tomaso Albinoni (1671–1751)



*Tomaso Giovanni Albinoni was an Italian composer of the Baroque era. His output includes operas, concertos, sonatas for one to six instruments, sinfonias, and solo cantatas. He is best remembered today for a work called Adagio in G minor, attributed to him but largely written by Remo Giazotto, a 20th century musicologist and composer, who was a cataloger of the works of Albinoni.*

THE OPENING HYMN 287 For all the saints, who from their labors rest  
*All stand and sing.*

SINE NOMINE

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 God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Daniel 7:1–3, 15–18*

*All sit.*

**I**n the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: “As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 149*

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

The image shows musical notation for the antiphon 'Sing to the LORD a new song.' It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes: 'Sing to the LORD a new song.' The word 'new' is underlined in the original image.

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
**sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.**
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*  
**let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.**
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*  
**let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.**
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people \*  
**and adorns the poor with victory.**

- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
**let them be joyful on their beds.**
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat \*  
**and a two-edged sword in their hand;**
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
**and punishment on the peoples;**
- 8 To bind their kings in chains \*  
**and their nobles with links of iron;**
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
**this is glory for all his faithful people.**  
**Hallelujah!**

*Antiphon*

THE SECOND LESSON

*Ephesians 1:11–23*

**I**n Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 293 I sing a song of the saints of God

GRAND ISLE

*All stand and sing.*

THE GOSPEL

*Luke 6:20–31*

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

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

**J**esus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe

to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### THE SERMON

The Reverend Walter McKenney

*All sit.*

#### THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The people say the words in bold.*

In communion with all the saints and in the name of Jesus, let our prayers ascend to God whose children we are, 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 daily turn to God for strength, vision, and the courage to be faithful disciples. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that we who share in the heavenly feast may be joined together with those of all times and ages in one body of faith, service, and witness to God. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For a greater awareness of God's work around and within us: that we may see the hand of God in Creation and in those who love us, teach us, forgive us, and call us to be our truest selves. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For our nation, that God will heal the wounded relationships and mistrust among so many people, and help us to work for a society that has justice for its foundation and love for its law. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all those living in the shadows of fear, violence, and poverty, and all those who are in need of our prayers, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may be kept safe in the hollow of God's hand. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for those who have gone before us in the faith, that we may be inspired by them to greater efforts to live the Gospel and trust in God's gift of salvation. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for the triumph of Christ in the lives of your saints. Receive the prayers we offer this day and make us one with all your saints in the fullness of Christ's body, so that we may rise again to glory with him who is Lord 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.**

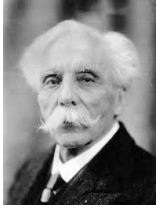
## THE WELCOME

*All sit.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Agnus Dei from Requiem*

Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)



*French composer Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924) is regarded as one of the greatest masters of art song. His contribution to the genre impacted countless other artists in the 20th century. As a composer of sacred music, Fauré's output is significantly smaller, totaling only eight opuses, among them the popular Requiem, Op. 48. Between the ages and 35 and 45, Fauré struggled with depression. Although he enjoyed a rather successful career, a broken engagement caused his personal life to become unstable, ultimately impacting his output as a composer.*

## 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.**

*Celebrant* This Holy Eucharist is offered to the glory of God, the people of St. John's Church, and on this All Saints Sunday, to the beloved of this parish who wait for us on the other shore.

Frances Allen	Bill & Toni Hutchinson	Andrya Ramer
Margaret Helen Ashford	Mildred Sharon Jessie	Mary & Frank Reilly
Margaret Fisher Babbitt	William Kieffer Jr.	Francis P. Reilly
Theodore Babbitt	William Kieffer III	Byron Renz
Thomas Collier Babbitt	William E. Knorr	Florence Renz
Frank Stewart Berall	Robert W. Knorr	Nina Rosselli Del Turco
Mary Bierwith	Edward W. Lamlein, Jr.	Edward & Lillian Shaker
Mary Bittinger	Elsa M. Lattey	Emily Shaker
Delinda Estella Brown	Erik F. Lattey	George & Betty Shaker
David W. Burgh	Kent Beckwith Lawrence	Joseph & Sadie Shaker
Charles H. Chambers	John Lazarowski	Rose Shaker
Wendy Wright Collins	Helen Lockery	Robert B. Skeelee
Nicky Dhaliwal	Susan Lockery	John J.A. Smith
Khalda Logan Eaton	Robert Lockery	Paul Erik Stake
Robert E. Eikel	Fred Marchion	Sallyan Christine Stake
Alycia Evica	Rowan Margaret McAuslan	Martha Strickler
Anna Evica	Enid May McBride	Margaret Sullivan
George Michael Evica	Karen Marano McGinley	Walter Szwez
Lonny Marshall Evica	Edna Helen Monroe	Thomas R. Tight
Marko Evica	Mary Caroline Monroe	William Ulrich
Donald Gavin	Bob Mueller	Joseph John Uricchio
John Hampton	Janet Myers	Shirley LaValley Uricchio
Marjorie Hardge	Lillian B. Nolan	George E. & Abbie B. Van Siclen
The Rt. Rev. Bradford Hastings	Judith Hastings Otis	Homer E. "John" Walton
Virginia Floyd Hastings	Ann D. Painter	The Rev. Michael Wilcox
Orson H. Hart, Jr.	Charles D. & Janet M. Peterson	M. Searle Wright
Susan Moore Hart	Robert F. & Abbie V.S. Peterson	

*A period of silence is held.*



## 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 in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. 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 In Paradisum *from* Requiem

Gabriel Fauré

In paradisum deducant te Angeli;  
 In tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres,  
 Et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.  
 Chorus angelorum te suscipiat,  
 Et cum Lazaro quondam paupere,  
 Aeternam habeas requiem.

*May the angels lead you into paradise;  
 May the martyrs receive you at your arrival,  
 And lead you to the holy city Jerusalem.  
 May the choirs of angels receive you,  
 And with Lazarus, once poor,  
 May you have eternal rest.*

## THE COMMUNION HYMN 253 Give us the wings of faith to rise

SAN ROCCO

*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 556 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

MARION

*All sing.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Choral Song

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)

*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 Walter McKenney

**Layreader:** Christoph Stretz

**Psalterer:** Sahara Barrow

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

**Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein

**Assisting Organist:** Kari Miller

**Organ Scholar:** Yingying Xia

**Violinist:** Martha Kayser

**Acolytes:** Dorian Ciscel, Danielle Branco

**Ushers:** Matt Ciscel, Geoff Emerick, Erica Weinstock

**Healing Prayers:** Chris Byrd

**Livestream Oversight:** Mary Sypek

**Altar Guild:** Kate Eikel, Bette-Jane Hardersen

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

**Sunday School Teachers:** Taffy Wilcox, Jeff Verney, Lissie Brooks, Matt Ciscel

**Coffee Hour Host:** Paul Shaker

**The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by the family of Nina Rosselli Del Turco, in memory of her and all the beloved of this parish whom we remember this All Saints Day.**

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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 this week:**

Maxom Goetz  
Britt Emerick  
Donielle Joslyn

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Trinity, Wethersfield; St. Paul's, Willimantic; St. Matthew's, Wilton; and all deacons and the Deacons' Council, and the Province I School for Deacons.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Church of England.

**CHANGE OF VENUE: Pipes Alive! with Alan Murchie, TODAY at 12:30 p.m. AT ST. JAMES'S.** Due to some ongoing organ maintenance issues, today's Pipes Alive! recital featuring Alan Murchie will move up the street to St. James's Episcopal Church, located at the corner of Farmington Avenue and Walden Street. Murchie is an Episcopal priest as well as organist who serves as the associate for music and education at St. James's. Free admission with suggested donation of \$20.

**Introductory class on the Episcopal Church, St. John's, and more, Friday, November 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. (optional supper starting at 5:30).** All adults are welcome to join the Reverend Todd FitzGerald for this informal class. While it is especially helpful for those new to St. John's or the Episcopal Church, anyone who would like to learn more about our Episcopal heritage and how we live out the baptismal covenant here at St. John's is welcome. Please RSVP to the parish office by Thursday, November 10, and let us know if you will come for supper at 5:30.

**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](http://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](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.)

**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](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).



By now you have heard a lot about stewardship at St. John's. You have received two stewardship newsletters full of information about who we are as a parish, the ministries we support, and how we need your support to continue all that we do. You have also heard statements from our clergy, staff, and fellow parishioners about why they support St. John's.

#### How can you make your pledge?

- Bring your pledge card to church on Commitment Sunday, November 13.
- Return your pledge card to the church office by mail or drop-off.
- Fill out the online pledge card at [sjparish.net/pledge](http://sjparish.net/pledge).
- Scan the QR code in our mailings (this will take you to our website).

#### How can you pay your pledge?

- Pay weekly, monthly, in one annual sum, or at whatever interval makes sense for you.
- Pay by check, which can go in the offering plate or be mailed to the church.
- Pay online using your bank's online bill pay system, or on our website (go to the Give tab on the home page).
- Pay cash using numbered pledge envelopes assigned to you.

If you would like numbered pledge envelopes, please check the appropriate box on your pledge card.

#### What is Commitment Sunday?

St. John's will celebrate the ingathering of pledges on Sunday, November 13th. Please bring your completed pledge cards to the service that day to be placed in the offertory plate and blessed at the altar. There will also be an opportunity to place an expression of gratitude in the offertory plate. Gratitude cards and pledge cards will be available in the pews.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of our annual giving campaign. We are grateful for everyone's contribution of whatever amount you are able to pledge.

Pledge cards have been mailed and are available to pick up at church. For more information, go to [sjparish.net/giving](http://sjparish.net/giving), and/or reach out to our stewardship chairs, Kim Byrd and Matt Ciscel.

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN  
MORE ABOUT:  
**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH?**  
**HOW WE ARE LIVING OUT THE  
BAPTISMAL COVENANT HERE AT ST.  
JOHN'S?**  
**WHAT IT MEANS TO CREATE YOUR  
OWN "RULE OF LIFE"?**



Join Todd FitzGerald, priest in charge, for a class designed for adults who want to learn more about the church and explore what it means to be a part of this faith community. All adults are welcome.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11**  
**6 TO 8 P.M.**  
**SUPPER (OPTIONAL) SERVED AT 5:30**

PLEASE RSVP TO THE PARISH OFFICE  
860.523.5201 OR OFFICE@SJPARISH.NET

# 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)







Donations needed for the  
third annual



**ONLINE AUCTION**

We're once again holding an online auction to supplement funds raised at the Christmas Festival. The auction will be open for bidding from December 2 to 11, 2022. Help make it a success by donating goods or services to inspire spirited bidding! Popular auction items include quality toys, accessories, electronics, etc. that make good holiday gifts, baked goods, time in a vacation home, gift cards, and professional services.



Contact Lissie Brooks  
([lissiebrooks@gmail.com](mailto:lissiebrooks@gmail.com)) or Marcos  
Donnelly ([wpbjmar@gmail.com](mailto:wpbjmar@gmail.com)) to  
discuss what you'd like to donate!



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](https://sjparish.net/christmasfestivalDonate)

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

Food ☆ Crafts ☆ Wreaths ☆ Gifts

## 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*

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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

## STAFF

The Rev. Todd FitzGerald (todd@sjparish.net).....	<i>Priest in Charge</i>
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Ralph Valentine .....	<i>Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus</i>

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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