



St. John's Episcopal Church

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Christmas Day

HOLY EUCHARIST

December 25, 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!



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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Nativity Suite

I. Veni Emmanuel

II. Silent Night

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

THE OPENING HYMN 96 Angels we have heard on high

All stand and sing.

GLORIA

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 for ever. 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

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.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 57:7-10**All sit.*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 98

The people say the responses in bold.

- 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.**
- 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.**
- 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.**

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 1:1–4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 78 O little town of Bethlehem

FOREST GREEN

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1–14

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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 we celebrate with joy the birth of Jesus, let us offer prayers to God, who gathers us into a holy family.

For Michael our presiding bishop, Jeff and Laura our bishops, our parish clergy, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all believers who put their trust in the incarnate Son of God, and for this community of St. John's, that we may serve one another and God as the body of Christ. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, for peace and justice, and for those who work to usher in God's kingdom. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who seek healing, connection, inspiration, and peace, that they may find what they seek in our Lord Jesus Christ and in his body, the Church. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who rest in Christ, and for all the departed. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant God of all families and peoples, accept the prayers we offer in this joyful season. As we welcome this mystery of your love, may we delight in our joy as children and heirs of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE WELCOME

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC Nativity Suite
III. Shepherds

Wilbur Held

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All stand.

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.**

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary, his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, _____ hea - ven and earth are

full, _____ full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes _____

_____ in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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.

The Celebrant continues.

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 INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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 HYMN 81 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Es ist ein Ros

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.

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 100 Joy to the world!

ANTIOCH

All sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Nativity Suite

Wilbur Held

V. Joy to the World

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 Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say Amen at the end of the voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Preacher:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald**Layreader:** Paul Shaker**Organist:** Scott Lamlein**Ushers:** Eleanor Barnes, Robert Eikel**Healing Prayers:** Sarah Kieffer**Altar Guild:** Paul Shaker, Nancy Pedersen**Weekly Offering Envelopes**

If you requested weekly offering envelopes when you turned in your 2023 pledge, you may pick up your envelopes in Hubbard Hall. Please look for the envelopes with your name on them. If you did not request envelopes but would like them, please contact Ellen in the parish office.

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	Edie Tenen
Brad Babbitt	Don Cole	Mary Jo Keating
Ward Farrell	Tom Reichenbach	Robert Connolly
Paul L. Peck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Alicia Leggett
Virginia Skeele	Gina Giusto	Joan Renz
Marie Montas	Daisy	Karen Licht
Sam	Wendy	Joan Murphy

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton
Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays:

Carolyn Giliberto	Harriet Odlum
David Murphy	Paul Faude
Dorian Ciscel	Virginia Eikel
Alycia Montas	

Those who have died:

Bruce Hatch Lee, *nephew of Ross and Susie Hatch*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Mark's, Bridgewater; Good Shepherd, Bristol/Plainville; St. Paul's, Brookfield; Trinity, Brooklyn; and for soup kitchens and food pantries, and all ministries that feed those who go without.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

Christmas Flower Offerings

The poinsettias and altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and:

In thanksgiving for:

Patricia A. Chambers

Darlene James

Craig, Kari, Jim, Maria, David, Marissa, Rowan, Pierce, Joshua, Michael, Chase & Lauren

In memory of:

<p>Mr. & Mrs. Harry O. Bartlett Mr. & Mrs. Harry R. Bartlett Gerry Brooks Murray Buttner G. Huntington Byles Carol H. Byrd Elaine Byrd Rob Carlisle Charles H. Chambers Mr. & Mrs. Seymour G. Clarke, Jr. Damon B. Clemow Wendy Wright Collins Cyril and Mildred Connolly Deane Connolly Michael Connolly, Sr. Mr. & Mrs. A.B. Delano Margaret E. Dimmitt Robert K. Dimmitt Helen H. and John Paul Faude John Paul Faude, Jr. Wilson Hinsdale Faude Virginia Pfeil Gregory Richard Harrington Gregory, Jr. Marge Hardge Charles P. Harris Orson Henry Hart Jr. Susan Moore Hart Donald J. Hayes Elizabeth Hetherington Noble and Sara Hetherington Andrew Jacques Suzanne Jacques Renee Jacques</p>	<p>Carolyn Jeanneret Maurice Jeanneret Robert W. Knorr William E. Knorr Ann Koucky Edward Lamlein, Jr. Paula F. Lammlin Elsa M. Lattey Erik F. Lattey Kent Lawrence Members of the Lockery, Marchion & Masse Families Sadie and Ernest MacLaughlin Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Miller Bill Moore Edward and Eleanor d'Este Mosehauer Frank J. Murphy, Jr. Charles D. and Janet M. Peterson Robert F. and Abbie V.S. Peterson George and Edith Phillips John and Grace Potter Andrya Ramer Robert and Sara Reiersen Frank and Mary Reilly Francis P. Reilly Shirley Ann Roos Thomas R. Tight Shirley LaValley Uricchio Joseph John Uricchio George E. and Abbie Baxter Van Sicen Guy Verney Julie Verney John E. Walton Mr. & Mrs. H.W. Ward M. Searle Wright</p>
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The parish office will be closed from Monday, December 26 through Wednesday, December 28.

Annual Twelfth Night event, Friday, January 6, 5:30 p.m. Close out the Christmas season at St. John's outdoor Twelfth Night celebration! We'll have the ever-popular burning of Christmas trees and wreaths (with all fire safety precautions in place), and the youth group will be selling hot cocoa and snacks for their Dignity Grows fundraiser. Please come and bring a friend!

Young adults brunch at the Corner Pug, Sunday, January 8 at 12:15 p.m. All young adults (20s and 30s) are invited to this casual gathering—whether you're in school or working, single or partnered, a parent or not. Please RSVP to Margie (margie@sjparish.net) by January 6.

Anti-racism education at St. John's for adults and youth: *Sacred Ground* and *Dismantling Racism*. Todd Fitzgerald and Kara Hart will convene a *Sacred Ground* group starting on Tuesday, January 10 at 7 p.m. *Sacred Ground* is a film- and reading-based program developed by the national Episcopal Church to help people examine race and racism in American history and consider how it affects our world today. The group will meet on 12 Tuesday evenings from January to June (January 10, 17, 31; February 7, 28; March 7, 21; April 11; May 2, 16, 30, June 6). **Contact Todd (todd@sjparish.net) for more information and to sign up.** Starting on February 12, the youth group will be working through *Dismantling Racism*—a curriculum designed to help middle and high school students learn about racism and consider how they might engage in the work of reconciliation, healing, and justice. *Dismantling Racism* will be the focus of EYC meetings from 5 to 7 p.m. on February 12, February 26, and March 5, and an overnight lock-in at church March 17 (5 p.m.) to March 18 (3 p.m.). **Contact Margie for more information (margie@sjparish.net)**

Important note on year-end giving. We are so grateful for the pledge payments and other gifts that we receive in the final weeks of the year. **To ensure that your year-end gifts and pledge payments are posted to our bank account by December 31 and appear on your 2022 year-end giving statement, please mail checks, put donations in the offering plate, or make online payments no later than December 25.** Contributions sent in after that date may not be posted by December 31, and will in that case appear on your 2023 statement, even if in payment of a 2022 pledge. **If you plan to donate stock** to St. John's, please contact Financial Administrator Peggy O'Toole at peggy@sjparish.net or 860-523-5201 x311, before you or your broker initiate the stock transfer. Stock transfers can take up to two weeks. Thank you for your generous support of St. John's.

Two opportunities to care for our neighbors: Dignity Grows and Journey Home. The EYC (youth group) is raising money between now and early February for Dignity Grows, a local organization that provides menstrual and hygiene supplies to women in need. The graphic on page 13 has a QR code for making a financial contribution to support this project. The youth group will also be taking cash donations at several upcoming events. Through Journey Home, we have been connected with a man named David who recently moved into a studio apartment and needs help furnishing it. See the graphic on page 13 for more information.



**TWELFTH NIGHT
TREE BURNING**

Friday, January 6, 2023 at 5:30pm

Join us as we bid farewell to Christmas. Come for the pyrotechnics, stay for the fellowship! Hot chocolate and sweets will be available for purchase as a fundraiser for Dignity Grows.

We follow fire safety regulations.




St. John's Church

**YOUNG ADULTS
BRUNCH**

Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 12:15 pm
The Corner Pug Restaurant

Are you in your 20s or 30s and looking to connect with other young adults from St. John's? Join us January 8 after church for food and fellowship! Whether you're in school or working, single or partnered, with or without kids, you are welcome!

RSVP to Margie by 1/6/23 (margie@sjparish.net)

Help furnish an apartment!

Items needed:

- one nightstand
- small dining table
- two chairs for dining table
- 8x10 area rug
- pots and pans
- linens (for queen-sized bed)
- small TV
- coffee maker
- dishes
- toaster
- wall mirror
- towels
- lamps
- space heater
- fan
- comfortable chair
- shelf for bathroom (small)
- bathroom cleaning supplies
- personal care products
- general cleaning products
- laundry detergent

St. John's is partnering with Journey Home—a community organization working to end homelessness in Connecticut—to furnish an apartment for their client David, who moved into a new apartment in Hartford this fall.

Here's how you can be part of this project:

- Donate one of the listed items in good (or new!) condition.
- Help with picking items up and bringing them to David's apartment.

The apartment is very small, so we are only collecting the specific items listed here. If you have items to donate, want to help with pick-up and drop-off, or have any questions, e-mail Mary Sypek of the Community Service Committee at marysypek@gmail.com. She and Laura Roche will also be available at coffee hour this Sunday, December 11.






HYGIENE SUPPLIES PACKING PARTY

Together, let's help alleviate period poverty in our own community!

\$10 creates 1 tote with a month's worth of hygiene supplies for our neighbors in need!

WHEN:
February 5th, 2023!

DONATE:







Stay connected with your St. John's community by setting up your profile in Realm!

Realm is a cloud-based database for managing church membership records. With a computer or smartphone, church members can use Realm to access an online parish directory, manage their own individual and family information, pledge online, pay pledges online, keep track of pledges and gifts, communicate with parish ministry groups, register and pay for events, and more.

Realm will be most useful to both church staff and parishioners if EVERYONE who has online access signs up, whether or not you expect to use Realm regularly. **It is especially important that you set up your privacy settings**, as you will only be included in the parish directory if you select "Anyone in the church" in your privacy settings.

All adult church members for whom we have a working e-mail address should have received an e-mail invitation to set up login credentials and a profile in Realm. The e-mail subject line read **St. John's Episcopal Church: Join our online community!** The e-mail includes straightforward instructions for the set-up process, and a link to a PDF document with more detailed information.

If you did NOT receive an e-mail invitation, please contact Ellen in the parish office (ellen@sjparish.net) with your preferred e-mail address.

If you previously set up login credentials for making online gifts/pledge payments and/or using the Church Life app, you may login to Realm at onrealm.org/sjparish with those credentials (you will be prompted to reset your password). A document with step-by-step instructions for setting up your profile is available at either entrance to the church, or online at sjparish.net/realmhowto. It's best to use a computer to set up your Realm account, and then download the Realm Connect app for use on your smartphone or tablet.

Coming up...

Two opportunities (one for adults, one for youth) to engage in dialogue and reflection on racism, reconciliation, and justice.

Sacred Ground

A program for adults from the national Episcopal Church, *Sacred Ground* is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. **The *Sacred Ground* group will meet on 12 Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in Hubbard Hall (January 10, 17, 31; February 7, 28; March 7, 21; April 11; May 2, 16, 30, June 6).** The group will be led by Todd FitzGerald and Kara Hart. Contact Todd for more information or to sign up (860-523-5201, todd@sjparish.net)

Dismantling Racism

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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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Geoff Emerick	<i>Warden</i>
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2020–22: June Aziz, Annabel Clapp, Jyothsna Diaz

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