

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Second Sunday after Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

January 15, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you need to participate in the service is found in this bulletin and in the blue hymnals in each pew.

If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to sparish.net/newcomer-form.

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.

Cover image: Three Kings by Jen Norton



THE VOLUNTARIES

O Gott, du frommer Gott, BWV 567

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

O God, thou faithful God

Yingying Xia, organist

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Undine Smith Moore (1904–1989)



Undine Eliza Anna Smith Moore, the "dean of Black women composers," was an American composer and professor of music in the 20th century. Moore was originally trained as a classical pianist, but developed a compositional output of mostly vocal music—her preferred genre. Much of her work was inspired by Black spirituals and folk music. Undine Smith Moore was a renowned teacher, and once stated that she experienced "teaching itself as an art."

THE OPENING HYMN 135 Songs of thankfulness and praise

SALZBURG

All stand and sing.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and 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 - mighty 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.

Title: *Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis*

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 49:1–7**All sit.*

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 40:1–12**The people say the responses in **bold** and sing the antiphon as indicated.*

The image shows a musical score for the antiphon. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff: "Be - hold, I ——— come to do your will, O God." The word "I" is followed by a long horizontal line indicating a sustained note. The music ends with a double bar line.

- 1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 **He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 **Happy are they who trust in the Lord! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 **Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.**

Antiphon

- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 **Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.**
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'"
- 10 **I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.**
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
- 12 **You are the Lord;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever. *Antiphon***

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 421 All glory be to God on high

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HOH

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

John 1:29–42

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

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of

God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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.

Holy and faithful God, you sent your Son Jesus to take away the sin of the world; hear us as we pray for the needs of the whole creation, saying, Hear us, we pray.

For the Church and all its people, and especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Jeff and Laura, our bishops; and our parish clergy, that through us many will come and see and put their trust in Jesus. **Hear us, we pray.**

For this community of God's people, that we may be a light to the nations and a sign of God's redeeming love to all. **Hear us, we pray.**

For the peace and stability of all God's people and for the leaders of this and every nation. **Hear us, we pray.**

For all who have suffered from the power of nature, especially the people of California, that God will give them strength and renew their hopes. **Hear us, we pray.**

For those victimized and dehumanized by the sin of racism, that the words and example of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will inspire us to fearlessly contend against evil, make no peace with oppression, and use our freedom to secure liberty for all. **Hear us, we pray.**

For all who are persecuted for their beliefs, for those who live in fear and anxiety, and all those in need of our prayers, especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may find hope and courage in knowing that God is with them. **Hear us, we pray.**

For those who have died, especially Elie Copty, that they may be gathered with those of every place and time who have called on the name of the Lord Jesus. **Hear us, we pray.**

Celebrant Holy and faithful God, hear the prayers of your people and strengthen us in the power of the Spirit, that we may go forth in power and grace to heal and unify your whole creation that the good news of Christ may be made known to all. Glory to you 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

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 Let all mortal flesh

Gustav Holst (1874–1934)
 Text may be found at Hymn 324

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

All stand.

**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.**

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

The first system of musical notation for 'The Sanctus'. It consists of a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is primarily chordal, with the vocal line following the lyrics. The lyrics are 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and'.

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

The second system of musical notation. It continues the previous system with the lyrics 'might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,'. The melody features a long note for 'might,' followed by a series of chords for the subsequent 'Ho - ly' phrases.

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

The third system of musical notation. The lyrics are 'God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are'. The melody continues with a long note for 'might,' and then moves to 'hea - ven and earth are'.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

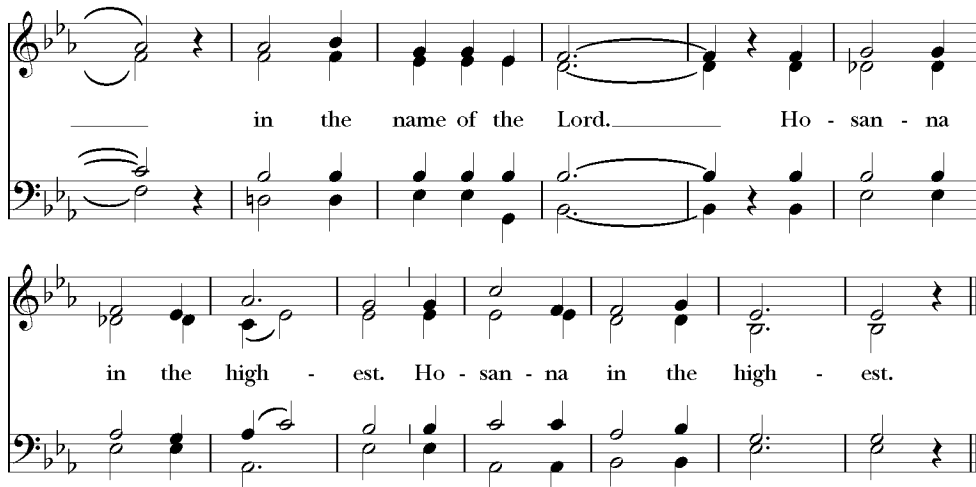
The fourth system of musical notation. The lyrics are 'full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The melody features a long note for 'full,' followed by 'full of your glo - ry. Ho -'.

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

The fifth system of musical notation. The lyrics are 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na'. The melody continues with 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na'.

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

The sixth system of musical notation. The lyrics are 'in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The melody concludes with '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.

Music: from *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).
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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.

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.

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, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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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 MOTET Agnus Dei

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.



Composed for the Phoenix Chorale, Gjeilo's Agnus Dei is symphonic in nature, and is one of those pieces where the text is a servant of the music, not the opposite. Images of the Arizona desert bring the text to life, similar to works by Samuel Barber (Adagio) and Elgar (Nimrod from Engima Variations).

THE COMMUNION HYMN 439 What wondrous love is this

WONDROUS LOVE

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 535 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

PADERBORN

All sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Choral Fantasy on *Allein Gott in der Hoh* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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.

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Margie Baker

Preacher: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Richard Lammlin

Psalterer: Tema Silk

The St. John's Adult Choir

Organist & Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Organ Scholar: Yingying Xia

Acolytes: Genella Evans, James Baker, Eden Baker

Ushers: Annabel Clapp, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Donielle Joslyn, Virginia Van Dyk

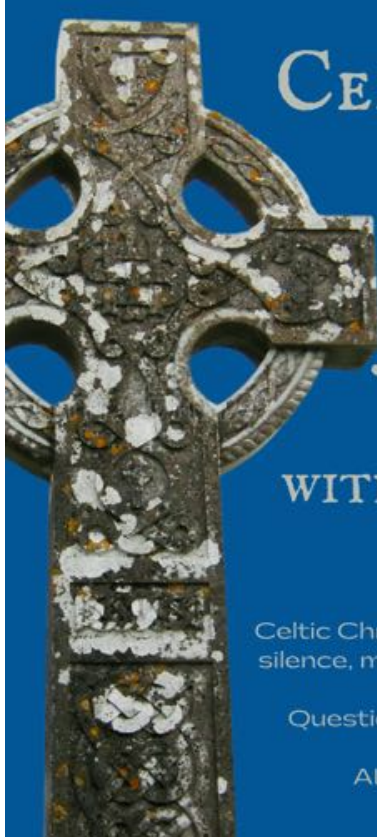
Healing Prayers: Enid Oberholtzer

Livestream Oversight: Jenn Baker

Altar Guild: Brenda Zanta, Buffy Ineson, Barbara Roos

Nursery Workers: Morgan Babbitt, Olivia Thaxton

Sunday School Teachers: Ginger Gillespie, Todd FitzGerald, Akilah Williams, Colin Gillespie, Leah Lorenzo



CELTIC WORSHIP
at St. John's

SUNDAY,
JANUARY 15
5:00 PM
WITH POTLUCK DINNER
AFTERWARD

Celtic Christian worship incorporates prayer, silence, music, and Holy Eucharist to nourish body, mind, and spirit.
Questions? Speak with Todd or Margie.

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

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	Mary Jo Keating
Brad Babbitt	Don Cole	Robert Connolly
Ward Farrell	Tom Reichenbach	Alicia Leggett
Paul L. Peck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Joan Renz
Virginia Skeele	Gina Giusto	Anne Beyersdorfer
Marie Montas	Daisy	Krista
Sam	Wendy	Emma Pinney
Paul Epstein		

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton
Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays:

Katherine Whitney	Lauren Mascola	Aidan Wrubleski
Sam Verney	Eloise Rosen	Dan Minster
Giselle Genece	James Reardon	Paige Whittemore
Sophie Hart	Mia Agosto	

Those who have died:

Elie Copty, *uncle of Carla Abdo-Katsipis*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for all ecumenical and interfaith endeavors involving our congregations and people; for peace and peacemakers.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of Nigeria.

Celtic worship, TODAY at 5 p.m. This month's Celtic service will be this afternoon at 5 p.m., with a potluck supper afterward. St. John's Celtic services include prayer, reflection, music, and Holy Eucharist, and are less formal than Sunday morning services. People of all ages are welcome.

New World Trio concert at St. John's, TODAY at 2 p.m. The New World Trio, ensemble-in-residence for Music at the Red Door, will hold a free concert today at 2 p.m. Donations welcome (checks payable to the New World Trio). Go to newworldtrio.org for more information.

Make sandwiches for Loaves & Fishes after the 10:30 service, next Sunday, January 22. Sign up to provide supplies at sjparish.net/sandwiches.

Choral Evensong, Sunday, January 22 at 5 p.m. The ancient and beautiful service of Choral Evensong is presented on the fourth Sunday of selected months at St. John's. Join us on January 22 at 5 p.m. for this time of music and worship. Sung by The Anglican Singers; Simon Holt, choirmaster. The Anglican Singers have a deep interest in music of the English choral tradition and hail from a wide variety of musical and personal backgrounds. This event is free admission, donations welcome in any amount.

Parish Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 29 at 9 a.m. At the Annual Meeting, the parish gathers to reflect on the last year and elect new vestry officers and members. The meeting will be held in Hubbard Hall between the two morning services on January 29, from 9 to 10:15 a.m. If you can contribute food (bagels, pastries, fruit) to a light continental breakfast, please sign up at sjparish.net/annualmeeting. Everyone is invited to attend the Annual Meeting. Child care is provided.

Journey Home apartment update: Small dining table still needed! Through Journey Home, we have been helping one of their clients, David, furnish his studio apartment. Thanks to the generosity of many parishioners, we have collected everything we need except for a small dining table. If you can provide a table, please contact Mary Sypek at marysypek@gmail.com.

Vestry Nominees 2023

Nominated as Warden (One-year term; can serve up to three consecutive terms)



Ginger Gillespie — Ginger is honored and grateful to be nominated as co-warden. Raised as an Episcopalian and member of a few parishes before moving to West Hartford, she and her husband joined St. John's 22 years ago. At St. John's, she has enjoyed serving with fellow parishioners in a collection of committees and programs that support our church. At this time, she teaches Sunday school, offers healing prayers, and shares responsibility for counting and depositing the weekly offering. In the past Ginger, has chaired the Christmas Festival and Parish Life committees, was the secretary of the rector's search committee, and participated in the women's group and friendly callers group. In our parish missions outside the walls of St. John's, she has contributed as a monthly volunteer serving at Loaves and Fishes, worked to support our ministry with Journey Home, and visited with fellow parishioners. She is married to Colin Gillespie, a former warden and vestry member, and mother of Cat and Ford Gillespie, who were baptized at St. John's and have participated as choristers, acolytes, and youth group members. Professionally, she works for West Hartford Public Schools at Hall High School as a tutor. She is looking forward to this opportunity to serve and work with and for our clergy, staff, congregation, community, and mission.

Stewart Murchie — Stewart Murchie has been a parishioner at St. John's for the last 20 years, with his wife Leah and three children, Gus, Sophie, and Alice, who have all participated in St. John's programs and services. Stewart been a vestry member, treasurer and stewardship co-chair over the last 15 years at St. John's. Born in Connecticut, Stewart grew up outside Springfield, Massachusetts, and attended the St. Thomas Choir School at age 10, where he built a lifelong love of the music of the Episcopal Church, and deepened his appreciation for its liturgy and traditions. Later, Stewart attended Wesleyan University for undergraduate studies, and further received an MBA from the Yale School of Management. Professionally, Stewart started his career in the public sector, as a top aide to the Hartford City Council and Mayor Mike Peters, before migrating to the private sector, where he has worked in telecom, energy, venture capital, and, for the last 20+ years, the insurance industry. Today, Stewart is a vice president for Global Strategy & Operations for Arthur J. Gallagher, the world's third largest insurance and benefits broker.



Nominated as Co-Treasurer (One-year term; can serve up to three consecutive terms)



David McCary — Dave has been a member of St. John's for six years, and has served on the vestry for the past year. He was baptized, confirmed, and married in the Episcopal Church. He and his wife Tina raised three children in West Hartford, and recently welcomed their first grandson into the family. Having graduated Middlebury College with a BA in economics and Dartmouth's Tuck Business School with an MBA in finance, over the last 40 years, Dave has been an institutional investment advisor (Aetna Realty Investors, Inc.), an entrepreneur starting four businesses in finance, and an ultra-high net worth wealth manager (Manufacturers Hanover Trust in NYC and his current company McCary Anheuser Wealth Management, LLC). He also currently sits on three boards of directors and their investment committees, helping them oversee \$100+ million in investments: The University of Hartford Art School Endowment, The Connecticut Episcopal Bishops Fund, and the Colt Family Bequest. While at St. John's, Dave has served on the Stewardship Committee and shared his professional photography skills with the committee and other church publications. He also recently graduated from St. John's four-year Education for Ministry (EFM) course. He has enjoyed becoming a member of the St. John's community, and with his wife Tina, looks forward to many more years of fellowship with this wonderful Christian community.

Nominated for a three-year term on the vestry

Angela Allen-Peck — Angela and her family began attending St. John's when the pandemic began, connecting with the community online and at outdoor services before they ever stepped inside the building! You will find Angela and her family — Caleb, Blythe (12), and Juliette (9) — at church multiple times a week and often several times during the same day. Angela has volunteered with



community outreach programs, taught high school Sunday school, supported the Choir School, and volunteered with the youth and family programs. In Angela's professional life, she is a licensed clinical psychologist and relational psychoanalyst who has trained in the integration of faith and psychology. Over the years, she has developed a clinical focus on work with individuals whose identity is deeply entwined with their spirituality, working with faith leaders as well as individuals with religious trauma. In addition to teaching and supervising clinicians, she serves on the board of the Brookhaven Institute for Psychoanalysis & Christian Thought and is co-chair of The Early Career Committee for CT's psychoanalytic society.



Eleanor Barnes — Eleanor and her family have been members of St. John's since they moved to West Hartford 25 years ago. Involvement at St. John's has been important to Eleanor and Jack as well as their two children, Marshall and Cricket. Eleanor has served on the Outreach Committee and as a Sunday School teacher, Rite 13 leader, stewardship co-chair, vestry member, and usher. She looks forward to serving our parish community in this important way, especially to

listen and learn what current opportunities and challenges we face. Eleanor grew up in the Episcopal Church (St. Paul's) in Richmond, VA. She graduated from Washington & Lee University and began her career at CNN Business News in New York City. She also earned her M.B.A. in NYC at Columbia University. After taking a few years off to raise her children, Eleanor re-entered the workforce in 2007 with a focus on fundraising for nonprofits, including The Ethel Walker School and the Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts. In 2014, she joined her husband, Jack, working as a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley. In 2020, Eleanor earned her Certified Financial Planner™ (CFP®) designation. She enjoys skiing, hiking, running, gardening, reading, and time with family, friends, and her two Golden Retrievers!

John Nowacki — Born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, John Nowacki earned an associate's degree from Concordia College, Milwaukee, and a B.S. in telecommunications from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Musically, John developed an interest in classical music during his high school years when he discovered organ music recordings by E. Power Biggs and sang in the high school's choirs. He also sang in the Milwaukee Symphony Chorus during its beginning years in the 1970s. John began his radio career at WILL-FM in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, in the fall of 1982, and worked for other Midwest stations in Wisconsin and Indiana before coming east to work for Connecticut Public Radio in 1990. John and his now-husband Don Polk arrived at the red doors of St. John's in the summer of 2016, looking for a new church home. Neither were "cradle Episcopalians," with church backgrounds including Roman Catholic, Missouri Synod Lutheran (John), and Evangelical and Methodist (Don). The moment they walked in the door, they felt both welcomed and at home. John knew Scott Lamlein from singing Evensong and Compline services with him and so was aware of the music program at St. John's. It was one of the main reasons he sought the church out. John joined the choir, and Don became involved as an usher. John and Don recently participated in and graduated from the Education for Ministry (EfM) program at St. John's. John is currently the morning classical music host for NEPM – WFCR-88.5 FM.



Tom Oberholtzer — Tom and his wife Enid have been active members of the greater Hartford Episcopal Church music community in various capacities for the past 45 years. A past president of the Hartford Chorale, Tom has also served as a member of the Chapter of Christ Church Cathedral, and a member of the vestry and warden at Trinity Episcopal Church, Sigourney Street, Hartford. He is retired after serving more than 40 years as president of Meriden Cooper Corporation, a distributor of process instrumentation throughout all of New England. Tom and Enid were drawn to St. John's by its warm reception of newcomers, its exemplary musical tradition, and its evolving chorister program under the auspices of the Royal School of Church Music in America. As a member of the choir, he looks forward to supporting its ministry and, in addition, the many community outreach programs being nurtured at St. John's. A veteran himself, Tom volunteers at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Newington on a weekly basis, interacting with those who have served and are in need. In his free time, he enjoys cooking, reading, and playing the piano and the organ. He looks forward to serving the parish of St. John's in whatever capacity he may be called.

Nominated to serve the remaining year of Martin Wheeler's vestry term

Annabel Clapp — Annabel was elected to the vestry last year, to serve the remaining year of Anne Harney's vestry term when Anne moved into the co-treasurer position. She has enthusiastically agreed to serve another one-year term, this time to complete the vestry term of Martin Wheeler, who stepped down in mid-2022. Annabel has been a member of St. John's since 2009, and has held several positions of responsibility within the church since then. For several years (including 2022), Annabel was chair or co-chair for the annual Christmas Festival. Annabel also served on the vestry when the Reverend Susan Pinkerton was appointed as rector, and more recently was on the search committee that selected the Reverend Margie Baker as our curate (now assistant rector). Annabel has been a Sunday School teacher for the nursery and elementary years, and she continues to serve as an usher. She is married to Elijah (livestream facilitator some Sundays) and mother to Benjamin (member of the Choir School and EYC). Professionally, Annabel is a full-time speech-language pathologist (SLP) for West Hartford Public Schools. Born in England, Annabel loves returning to her home country in the summer, but also enjoys the four seasons that Connecticut offers.



Nominated to serve the remaining two years of David McCary's vestry term



Mary Sypek — Mary moved to West Hartford and began coming to St. John's in 2020. At church, she enjoys being part of the Community Service committee, ushering, and serving as part of the livestream team. Mary is very excited for the opportunity to join the vestry and get to know the St. John's community in a new way. During the week, Mary is a second-grade teacher in South Windsor. She and her fiancé, Ryan, are getting married in February of 2023! In her free time, Mary enjoys reading, walking her dogs, and making quilts.

WE NEED YOU TO BE PART OF



Realm is our new cloud-based member management software. It has tools to connect with one another, manage pledging and giving, manage parish groups, and more. **Realm will be most useful if EVERYONE with online access sets up a profile** (even if you don't expect to use it often!).

Here's what to do:

- Check your e-mail for an invitation to set up your Realm profile. The subject reads **St. John's Episcopal Church: Join our online community!**
- If you can't find that e-mail, contact Ellen in the parish office (ellen@sjparish.net) and she can send a new one.
- It's best to use a desktop or laptop computer to do the initial set-up of your account. Go to sjparish.net/realmhowto for a step-by-step guide.
- Once you do the set-up on a computer, you can use Realm on your smartphone or tablet by downloading the **Realm Connect** app, and logging in with the credentials you set up on your computer.
- If you don't have a computer, however, you can still set up your credentials on a phone or tablet. Click the "Create an account" link in the invitation e-mail. Once you've set a password, download the Realm Connect app on your device, and then login to Realm via the app, using your email address and the password you created.
- Once you set up a password and login, **it is especially important that you set your privacy settings to allow "Anyone in the church" to see your profile.** Otherwise, you will not be included in the parish directory.

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MEETING**

Sunday, January 29
9 to 10:15 a.m.
in Hubbard Hall

*Sign up to bring food for a light continental breakfast at
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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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VESTRY

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

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

2021–23: Robert Eikel, Julia O'Brien

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