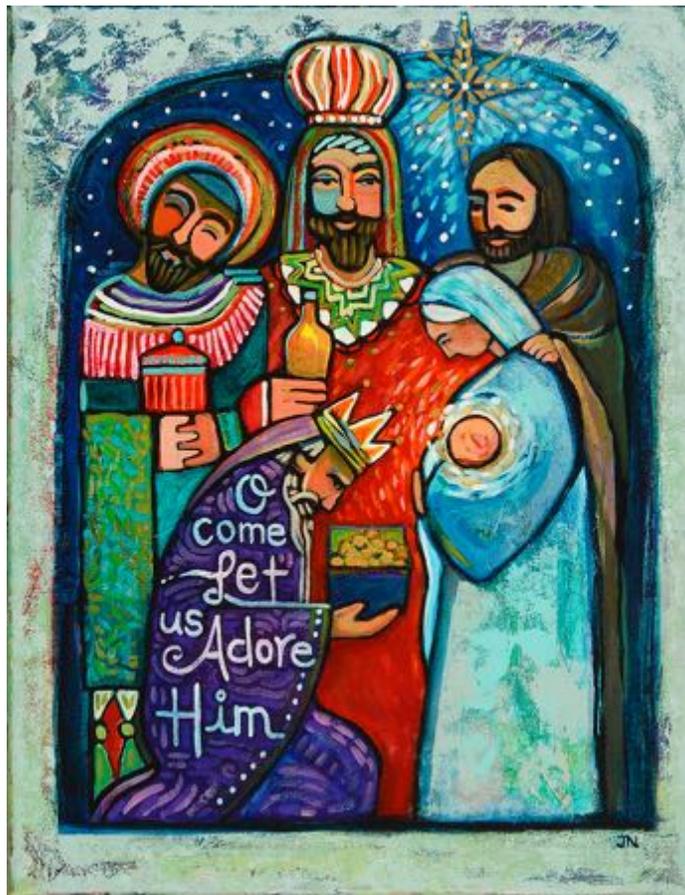


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The Feast of the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

January 8, 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 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.

Cover image: Three Kings by Jen Norton



THE VOLUNTARIES Prelude on Puer Nobis
Prelude on Cranham

Alec Wyton (1921–2007)
Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)



Alec Wyton is described in Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians as having "brought together and caused to flourish three separate traditions: English church music, American church music and music from outside the churches." Also bringing together clergy and musicians of the Episcopal Church, he was the coordinator of the Standing Commission on Church Music from 1974 to 1985, and founder and chairman of the church music department of the Manhattan School of Music. From 1954 to 1974, he was organist and master of the choristers at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and headmaster of the Cathedral Choir School.

THE OPENING HYMN 119 As with gladness men of old
All stand and sing.

DIX

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. O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 60:1–6**All sit.*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14

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

The image shows a musical score for the psalm text. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff: "All na - tions shall be - hold the won - ders God has done." The word "hold" is underlined, and "wonders" is hyphenated. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style.

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 **That he may rule your people righteously ***
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 **He shall defend the needy among the people; ***
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 **He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, ***
like showers that water the earth. *Antiphon*
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 **The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, ***
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.
- 12 **For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.**
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 **He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:1–12

This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 124 What star is this, with beams so bright

PUER NOBIS

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1–12

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

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it

stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Marcus G. Halley

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 the feast of the Epiphany, let us offer prayers to Jesus the beloved Son, 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 in this New Year we may be a light to those who are searching for direction and a sign of hope for those yearning to begin again. **Hear us, we pray.**

For this community of God's people, that we, like the Magi, may offer Christ the gold of living faith, the incense of our worship, and the myrrh of compassion for others. **Hear us, we pray.**

For a new dawning of peace and reconciliation, that those who strive for peace may not tire, and that God will open new opportunities for those in conflict to recognize the good in one another. **Hear us, we pray.**

For the members of Congress, that God will empower them with wisdom, courage, and foresight to faithfully serve in their charge to promote the well-being of all people. **Hear us, we pray.**

For travelers and asylum seekers, for the hungry and homeless, the sick and the suffering, and all those in need of our prayers, especially those on our parish prayer list, that in the light of Christ they may find new hope and peace. **Hear us, we pray.**

For those who have died, that having been reborn in baptism, they may rejoice in the radiance of God's glory. **Hear us, we pray.**

Celebrant Gracious and loving God, you have anointed your people with the waters of baptism and made us your beloved children. Hear our prayers and fill us with your Spirit that we may share the work of your Son, bringing blessing and light to all in the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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 My lord has come

Will Todd (b. 1970)
Words by the composer

Shepherds, called by angels, called by love and angels:
No place for them but a stable.
My Lord has come.
Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in heaven;
No place for them but a stable.
My Lord has come.
His love will hold me, his love will cherish me, love will cradle me.
Lead me, lead me to see him, sages and shepherds and angels;
No place for me but a stable.
My Lord has come.



English composer and pianist Will Todd is well known for his beautiful and exciting music, which is valued for its melodic intensity and harmonic skill, often incorporating jazz colors. His choral music is much in demand from amateur as well as professional performers.

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. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and'. The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment with chords and a melodic line.

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

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal line with lyrics 'might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,'. The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment.

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

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal line with lyrics 'God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are'. The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

The fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal line with lyrics 'full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment.

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

The fifth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal line with lyrics 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na'. The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment.

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

The sixth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal line with lyrics 'in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment.

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 ANTHEM Saw you never in the twilight Harold Friedell (1905–1958)
Words by Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895)

Saw you never, in the twilight,
when the sun had left the skies,
up in heav'n the clear stars shining
through the gloom, like silver eyes?
So of old the wise men, watching,
saw a little stranger star,
and they knew the King was given,
and they followed it from far.

Know ye not that lowly baby
was the bright and morning Star?
He who came to light the Gentiles
and the darkened isles afar?
And we, too, may seek his cradle;
there our hearts' best treasures bring;
love and faith and true devotion
for our Savior, God, and King.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 112 In the bleak midwinter

CRANHAM

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 109 The first Nowell the angels did say
All sing.

THE FIRST NOWELL

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Andante Largo in D for Trumpet

John Stanley (1713–1786)

*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 Dr. Marcus G. Halley

Assisting: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Robert Eikel

Psalterer: Virginia Eikel

The St. John's Choir School & Adult Choir

Organist & Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Organ Scholar: Yingying Xia

Acolytes: Alice Murchie, Bradley Crocker, Danielle Branco

Ushers: Matt Ciscel, Geoff Emerick, Ellen Flynn

Healing Prayers: Chris Byrd

Altar Guild: Brenda Zanta, Buffy Ineson, Barbara Roos

Nursery Workers: Morgan Babbitt, Caroline Thaxton

Sunday School Teachers: Ginger Gillespie, Todd FitzGerald, Jeff Verney, Matt Ciscel

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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	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
Paul Epstein		

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton
Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays:

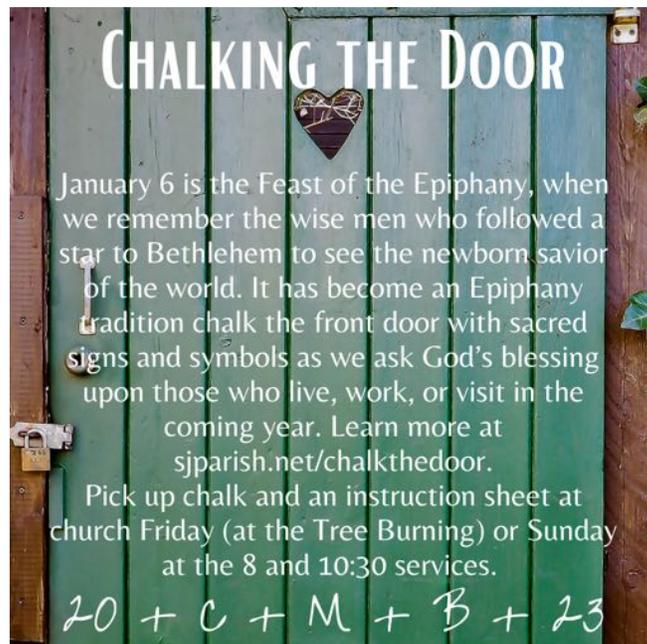
Linda Schatz	Bobby Eikel
John Church	Caleb Peck
Nancy Scheetz	Liz Marchion
Buffy Cech	

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. James', Danbury; Saint Luke's, Darien; St. Paul's, Darien; Immanuel St. James, Derby; and for those who have been affected by and have died from COVID-19, their families, friends, healthcare workers, and frontline workers.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar.



Guest preacher today at both services. We welcome the Reverend Dr. Marcus Halley, chaplain and dean for spiritual and religious life at Trinity College, who is preaching both services and leading the 9:30 adult forum this morning.

Young adults brunch at the Corner Pug, Sunday TODAY 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.

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 **this 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)**

Celtic worship, Sunday, January 15 at 5 p.m. This month's Celtic service will be on January 15 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, Sunday, January 15 at 2 p.m. The New World Trio, ensemble-in-residence for Music at the Red Door, will hold a free concert on January 15 at 2 p.m. Donations welcome (checks payable to the New World Trio). Go to newworldtrio.org for more information.

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.

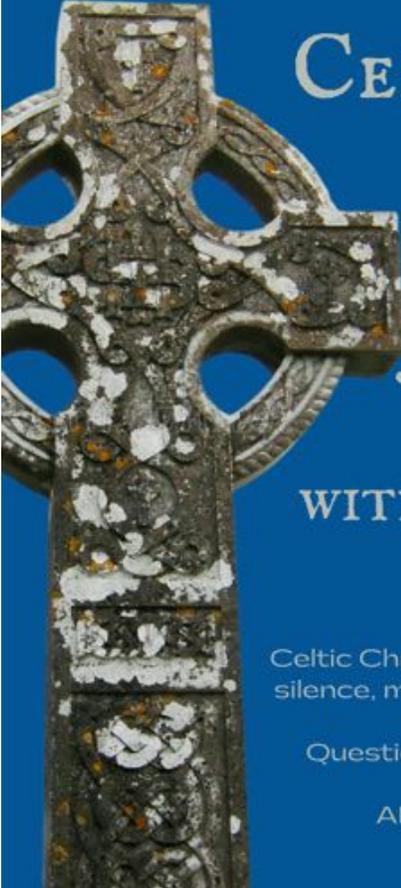
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Here's what to do:

- 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.



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.

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**ANNUAL
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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Child care provided.*

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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

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Kara Hart	<i>Warden</i>
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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