

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

FESTAL EUCHARIST

April 9, 2023

8:00 a.m. and 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.



Scan to fill out online 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!

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. A changing table and couches are available in the Education Wing for parents and children to use as needed. Our staffed nursery is not available this morning.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Sonata III in A Major Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)
Con moto maestoso — Andante tranquillo

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 175 Hail thee, festival day! SALVA FESTE DIES
All stand and sing. At 8:00 service, sing vv. 1–4 only. At 10:30 service, sing all verses.

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.


People **Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

Sung at the 10:30 service only.


Antiphon




This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



1 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. [Ant.]
2 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. [Ant.]
3 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. [Ant.]
4 God and the Lamb for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]
5 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Final Antiphon



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Jeremiah 31:1–6**All sit.*

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

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

THE PSALTER

*Psalms 118:1–2, 14–24**The people say the text in **bold print**, and sing the antiphon as indicated.*

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

2 **Let Israel now proclaim, ***
"His mercy endures for ever."

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

15 **There is a sound of exultation and victory ***
in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

17 **I shall not die, but live, ***
and declare the works of the Lord.

Antiphon

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 **Open for me the gates of righteousness; ***
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.

- 20 “This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter.”
- 21 **I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.**
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 **This is the Lord’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- 24 **On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 10:34–43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 199 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

ST. KEVIN

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

John 20:1–18

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

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to

their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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.

Let us pray to God, who raised Jesus to new life, for the needs of the church and the world. The Lord is risen; **he is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

We pray for the Church, that we may radiate the light of Christ each day, and live as children of God. The Lord is risen; **he is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

We pray for all elected officials, that God will give them wisdom and insight as they struggle with priorities and problems. The Lord is risen; **he is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

We pray for peace throughout the world, especially in Ukraine and the Holy Land, that the Risen Lord will inspire all leaders to try new ways to work for peace and justice. The Lord is risen; **he is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

We pray for all the human family, that Christ's victory over death may bring hope and healing to all who are burdened by poverty, disease, prejudice, and fear. The Lord is risen; **he is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

We pray for all who are ill, that the wounds of the Risen Lord may radiate healing and health; for those struggling with addictions, that the power of resurrection will free them; and for all on our parish prayer list, that they will be renewed by the hope of Easter. The Lord is risen; **he is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

We pray for all who have died, especially Jim Evans, Jackie Hamad, Kendall May, and Ramzi Ayash, that they may live forever with the Risen Christ in that new creation where there is no more weeping and no more death. The Lord is risen; **he is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant Creator of the universe, you made the world in beauty, and restore all things in glory through the victory of Jesus Christ. We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured by poverty, sickness, violence, and greed, the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in justice, love, and peace, to the glory of your name. **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 Christus vincit

Joseph Noyon (1888–1962)
arr. Gerre Hancock (1934–2012)

Christ has conquered, Christ, our sovereign, Christ reigns forevermore!
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and forevermore, world without end. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH*All stand and sing.*

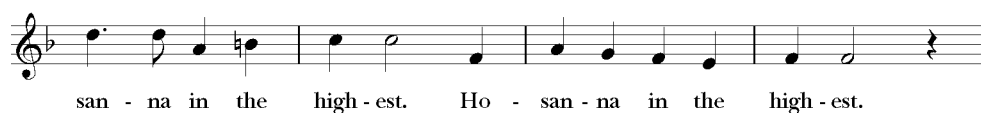
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.*People* **We lift them to the Lord.***Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.***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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS



Blessed 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 FRACTION ANTHEM

All sing.

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o - ver has been
 sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast,
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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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. To receive, please kneel or stand at the altar rail. You may choose to receive bread only, intinct (dip) your wafer in the wine, or drink from the cup.

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 305 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest
All remain seated and sing.

ROSEDALE

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 or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 207 Jesus Christ is risen today
All stand and sing.

EASTER HYMN

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Toccata from Symphony V

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

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.

After the 10:30 service:

All are invited to stay for an Easter egg hunt for kids and coffee for adults, both outdoors.

Flowering spring plants are available for you to take and deliver to one of our homebound church members. The flowers, along with cards with names and addresses of homebound members, will be available on tables at coffee hour. Once all of the cards for homebound members are taken, you are welcome to take a plant for yourself or a friend or neighbor.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Preacher:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Lauren Mascola (8:00), Bill Lockery (10:30)**Psalterer:** John Nowacki (8:00), Cate Emerick (10:30)**The St. John's Adult Choir***Soprano:* Emma Evica, Nancy Eaton, Danielle Foint,
Anne Harney, Katherine Reardon, Tema Silk, Nancy Skeele*Alto:* Frisha Hugessen, Ann Hutchinson, Betty Knorr,

Mary Beth Lamlein, Harriet Odlum, Abby White

Tenor: Lynn Brooks, Milo Evica, Michael Mei, Patrick Reardon,

Rainerio Reyes, Ram Tysoe, Michael Wells

Bass: Richard Barstow, Martin Dodd, Francis Lamlein,
Ben Mabrey, John Nowacki, Thomas Oberholtzer, Caleb Peck**The St. John's Choir School**Eden Baker, James Baker, Nkosi Barrow, Sahara Barrow, Benjamin Clapp, Dana Crocker,
Jayden Donnelly, Mason Donnelly, Jx Eikel, Virginia Eikel, Cate Emerick, Angelina Finkell,

Livvy Lorenzo, Blythe Peck, Juliette Peck, Alice Yelland

Organist and Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein**Organ Scholar:** Yingying Xia**Trumpeters:** Tom Hintz, Jeff Higgins**Timpanist:** Ed Fast**Ushers at 8:00:** Enid Oberholtzer, Don Polk**Ushers at 10:30:** Eleanor Barnes, Geoff Emerick, Dan Minster, Stewart Murchie**Acolytes:** Dorian Ciscel, Bradley Crocker, Atticus Finkell, Alice Murchie**Livestream Oversight:** Jenn Baker**Altar Guild:** Buffy Ineson, Bill Lockery, Paul Shaker

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EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

The beautiful flowers adorning the church are given:

In honor of:

Patricia A. Chambers

Darlene James

The children and grandchildren of Richard Lammlin

The Mani family

In memory of:

Robert M. Allen	Ann Koucky
Margaret H. Barnes	William E. Knorr
R. Marshall Barnes	Robert W. Knorr
Mr. & Mrs. Harry O. Bartlett	Paula Lammlin
Mr. & Mrs. Harry R. Bartlett	Edward W. Lamlein, Jr.
Julie Bird	Elsa M. Lattey
Gerry Brooks	Erik F. Lattey
David Burgh	Kent Beckwith Lawrence
Mildred Buttery	Mr. & Mrs. William Licht
Murray Buttner	Members of the Lockery, Marchion, & Masse families
G. Huntington Byles	Sadie and Ernest MacLaughlin
Elaine Byrd	Josephine & John Matel
Carol Byrd	Enid McBride
Mary Gehringer Byrd	Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Miller
Rob Carlisle	William Moore
Charles H. Chambers	Janet Myers
Mr. & Mrs. Seymour G. Clarke, Jr.	Louis P. Nelson III
Wendy Wright Collins	Paul, Sarah, & Gretchen Oberholtzer
Cyril and Mildred Connolly	Members of the Pearson family
Deane Connolly	Frank Pearson
Michael Connolly, Sr.	Jane Perrin
Dr. John F.S. Crocker	Charles D. and Janet M. Peterson
Adrian E. Crocker	Robert F. and Abbie V.S. Peterson
Edward & Eleanor d'Este Mosehauer	George & Edith Phillips
Robert K. Dimmitt	John & Grace Potter
Margaret E. Dimmitt	Leslie Pucci
Catherine, Matilde, & Elvira	Andrya Ramer
Donald Gavin	Robert & Sara Reiersen
Steven Goldstein	Frank & Mary Reilly
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Grimaldi	Francis P. Reilly
Alfred Haddad	Joan Renz
May Hanna	Noel Sears
Russ Harris	Rose Shaker
Orson Henry Hart, Jr.	Doris & Oscar Sodergren
Susan Moore Hart	Judith St. George
Donald J. Hayes	Thomas R. Tight
Elizabeth Hetherington	Shirley LaValley Uricchio
Noble & Sara Hetherington	Joseph John Uricchio
Suzanne, Renée, & Andrew Jacques	George E. & Abbie B. Van Sicen
Katherine Jaeger	Guy & Julie Verney
Elizabeth & Herbert Keating	William D. Ward
Ann Keegan	M. Searle Wright

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	Paul Epstein
Kim Green	Sue	Anita Winters	Wendy
Janet Ray	Whitney Lynch	Mary Jo Keating	Bob Norton
Brad Babbitt	Tom Reichenbach	Robert Connolly	Emma Pinney
Ward Farrell	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Anne Beyersdorfer	Sean Kuruvilla
Paul L. Peck	Gina Giusto	Gus Murchie	Joseph
Virginia Skeelee	Mima Esponda	Bob Giolitto	Robert Beisler
Ken & Kimberly Young	Liza Burke	Alison Gillespie	Sarah Carroll
Grant Loevenbruck	The Yelland family	Joyce Flynn	Ismael
Students, teachers, & staff at A.I. Prince Technical School			

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton
Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Philip Chapman	Gordon Fowler
Brad Thomas	Brooke Kilelee
Bill Lockery	Molly Cooper
Jeff Curran	Richard Lammlin

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Anne & Randall Hayes
Brooke & Nathan Kilelee
Virginia Van Dyk & John Wilcox

Those who have died:

Jim Evans, *St. John's member, husband of Jen Evans, and father of JP and Genella Evans*
Jackie Hamad, *friend of Cate Emerick and Dawson Biondi*
Kendall May, *coach at A.I. Prince Technical High School*
Ramzi Ayash on the anniversary of his death, *cousin of Carla Abdo-Katsipis*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Peter's, Milford; Trinity, Milton; St. Peter's Grace, Monroe; and for hospital chaplains, Stephen Ministers, pastoral care groups, ministries of healing, nurses, wellness programs, and recovery ministries.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

The parish office will be CLOSED on Monday, April 10 and Friday, April 14, with limited staffing on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. If you need to stop by the office this week, we recommend calling first to ensure that someone will be there.

Women Together to begin a new book discussion on April 11 at 2 p.m. Women Together is a group that gathers weekly to explore our Christian faith and practice through book discussion, prayer, and fellowship. We meet on Tuesdays from 2 to 3:15 p.m. in the Reception Room at St. John's. On April 11, we will begin discussing *Julian of Norwich: The Showings* by Mirabai Starr: "In this contemporary translation of one of the most beloved and influential mystical texts of all time, *Julian of Norwich: The Showings* brings the message and spirituality of this 14th-century mystic to 21st-century readers." For the first meeting, we will read Chapter 1-8, pages xv-22. Don't worry if you haven't received your book yet, just read what you can. The books we choose are usually available at libraries, Amazon, and other booksellers. Women Together includes women from St. John's, Trinity, St. James's, and St. Monica's. Contact Sarah Kieffer at kieffer2468@gmail.com for more information.

Sign up to host coffee hour after a 10:30 service. The coffee hour host's main job is **hospitality!** The host staffs the red "Information Station" cart and greets people, especially those whom they don't know or who are new to the parish. When coffee hour happens outdoors, the host takes the Information Station outside along with a sign (stored in the narthex) letting passers-by know that they are welcome to stop by for a cup of coffee. We will move coffee hour outdoors starting today, weather permitting. The host does *not* have to make coffee or provide food, although they or any parishioner are welcome to provide food for any coffee hour if they wish. Please sign up to host at sjparish.net/sundayvolunteers.

Celtic worship, Sunday, April 16 at 5 p.m. This month's Celtic service will be Sunday, April 16, at 5 p.m., with a potluck supper afterward. Special guest Kasha Breau will provide service music on the Celtic harp. 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.

April Music at the Red Door events: Chamber music concert on April 21 and Choral Evensong on April 23. On Friday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m., we are excited to welcome the Grammy-award-winning Catalyst String Quartet to present our annual spring chamber music concert. The concert is free admission, suggested donation \$20. The final Choral Evensong service of this program year, featuring the St. John's Schola, will take place on Sunday, April 23 at 5 p.m.

Spring Fling & Food Auction, Friday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. Spring is getting ever closer and with that, the SPRING FLING! Mark your calendars for an evening of fun, fellowship, and fundraising. The event is an adult-only evening in Hubbard Hall with heavy hors d'oeuvres and libations. There will be a silent auction until 8 p.m. followed by a live auction. Here are ways to get involved:

Tickets: Starting April 2, we will be selling tickets to the event after the 10:30 service (no ticket sales on Easter, April 9). Cash, check, and card will all be accepted. Tickets are \$10/person ahead of time and \$15 at the door. Your ticket gets you into the event and also enters you into a raffle for gift cards to local restaurants.

Wine Pull: This is a fun one, and there are two ways to participate!

- **Donate a bottle of wine** (suggested value = \$10 - \$50), preferably in advance but even at the door the evening of the event for our mystery wine pull!
 - If you plan to donate wine, please email coordinator Pia Mara Santomauro at piamarasantomauro@gmail.com.
 - Bottles can be donated at the coffee hour following church any Sunday leading up to the event.
- **At the event, purchase a \$10 wine pull ticket at the door**, which guarantees you take home a mystery wine of at least that value (and often even more!).

Assist at the Event: We need people to greet people upon arrival and sell tickets, pass hors d'oeuvres and restock food, assist with bartending, assist with clean up, assist with checkout, assist with keeping track of live auction purchases, etc. If you would like to help with *any* of this, please e-mail Julia O'Brien at jpowellob@comcast.net.

Donate food or food-related items for purchase or auction bidding: We need people to donate homemade food items—cookies, breads, pies, quiches, sauces, candies, etc.—that attendees can purchase and take home the night of the event. Please e-mail Lauren Mascola at laurenmascola@gmail.com to let her know what you will contribute. We also need people to donate food-related items for the silent and live auctions (homecooked meals or desserts, themed dinner parties, picnic spreads, cooking classes, restaurant gift cards, special wines, cocktail kits, kitchen/cooking equipment, etc.) To discuss what and how to donate, please reach out to Rosa Guzzo at rosaguzzo@yahoo.com, Barbara Roos at bjeanroos@gmail.com, or Virginia Van Dyk at virginiavandyk@yahoo.com.

Most of all, we simply want you there! ALL parish adults are welcome, as are friends, family, and neighbors!

Youth Sunday and Parish Picnic, Sunday, May 21 at 10:30 a.m. and afterward. Our annual celebration of all that our children and youth offer to this community as choristers, acolytes, nursery staff, and more will take place at the 10:30 service on Sunday, May 21. Afterward, we'll have our annual parish picnic, rain or shine! We will provide hot dogs and beverages. Please bring something to share: Last name A–M bring fruit or dessert, last name N–Z bring salad, side, or chips.

Share St. John's hospitality at the West Hartford Pride Festival, Saturday, June 24 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. This will be our second year hosting a table at West Hartford's Pride Festival in the Town Hall Parking Lot. We're scheduling volunteers to staff our table in two-hour shifts and share stickers, tattoos, candy, and most important, the message that everyone is welcome at St. John's Church. Contact Kate Eikel at kate.eikel@gmail.com to sign up.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED!

The coffee hour hosts' main job is **hospitality!** At coffee hour after the 10:30 service, the host:

- Staffs the Information Station info cart and answers questions about the church. (If the host doesn't know the answer to a question, that's okay! They can refer someone to another parishioner, a staff member, or the parish office.)
- Greets people, especially those who are new or whom they don't know.
- Brings the Information Station Cart and the "Free Coffee" sign outside when coffee hour is outdoors (outdoor coffee hour resumes on Easter Sunday, weather permitting!).

The host does not have to make coffee or provide food (although any parishioner/group of parishioners is welcome to provide food anytime they wish). Please sign up today!



**SIGN UP AT
SJPARISH.NET/SUNDAYVOLUNTEERS**



CELTIC WORSHIP

at St. John's

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

5:00 PM

with Kasha Breau on
Celtic harp

POTLUCK DINNER AFTERWARD

Celtic Christian worship incorporates prayer, silence, music, and Holy Eucharist to nourish body, mind, and spirit.

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

Presented by
Music at the Red Door

Chamber Music at the Red Door

CATALYST QUARTET

Friday,
April 21, 2023
7:30pm



- Free admission
- In-person and livestreamed
- Donations welcome (suggested donation: \$20)

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**St. John's Schola
April 23, 5pm**

St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford

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Events are also available livestreamed
at www.reddoormusic.org



Spring Fling & Food Auction

Annual gathering and fundraiser for the St. John's community.

All adults (parish members and friends) are welcome!

Tickets: \$10 purchased ahead of time, \$15 at the door

Tickets for sale on Sundays: April 2, April 16, April 23

Want to help? Contact Julia O'Brien at jpowellob@comcast.net

Friday, April 28

6:30 p.m.





**YOUTH SUNDAY
&
PARISH PICNIC**

May 21

10:30 service followed by picnic
Rain or shine!

Hot dogs and beverages provided.
Last name A-M: Bring fruit or dessert
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Join St. John's at the

**WEST HARTFORD
PRIDE
FESTIVAL**

Saturday, June 24
Noon to 6 p.m
WH Town Hall Parking Lot

**Come help us staff the St. John's table!
Share stickers, Skittles, and the message that
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Contact Kate Eikel at kate.eikel@gmail.com
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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

Contact parish office for call-in details.

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Stewart Murchie	<i>Warden</i>
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