

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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## *The Seventh Sunday of Easter*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II & YOUTH SUNDAY

*May 21, 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](http://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. Our staffed nursery is open from 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday mornings for children age 5 and younger. Parents are welcome to drop little ones there for part or all of the service, and there is a changing table and rocking chair should your child need to be changed, fed, or soothed.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Ein Märchen* from *Trio in B-flat* Carl Reinecke (1824–1910)  
*Dawson Biondi, horn; Catherine Emerick, clarinet;*  
*Ben Mabrey, piano*

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 460 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! HYFRYDOL  
*All stand and sing.*

### 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

*All sing.*

*Antiphon*



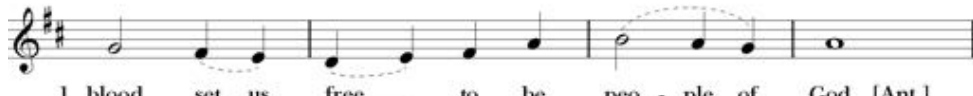
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



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.]

*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!

*Text: Revelation 5:12-13; adapt. John W. Arthur (1922-1980); Music: Festival Canticle, Richard Hillert (b. 1923)*

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Acts 1:6-14**All sit.*

**W**hen the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white

robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### THE PSALTER

*Psalm 68:1–10, 33–36*

*The psalm say the words in **bold**, and sing the antiphon as indicated.*

Sing to God, O king - doms of the earth; sing prais - es to the Lord.

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 **Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \***  
**as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 **Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;**  
**exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \***  
**YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 **God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \***  
**but the rebels shall live in dry places.**
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 **The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,**  
**at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \***  
**at the presence of God, the God of Israel.** *Antiphon*
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 **Your people found their home in it; \***  
**in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.

34 **He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**

35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.

36 **How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!**

*Antiphon*

THE SECOND LESSON

*1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11*

**B**eloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 483 The head that once was crowned with thorns

ST. MAGNUS

*All stand and sing.*

THE GOSPEL

*John 17:1–11*

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

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

**J**esus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am

no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE HOMILIES

*All sit.*

Dawson Biondi

Cate Emerick

Genella Evans

## THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

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

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The people say the words in **bold**.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For God's people throughout the world, and for those who are persecuted for their beliefs. May our Church be faithful, and may we learn to accept each other. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For an end to war, that everyone will stop fighting. We pray especially for those affected by conflict and war. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For the earth, and for a solution for global warming. We also pray for the animals affected by pollution and global warming. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For the political leaders of the world and all that they govern, that our leaders may work together toward love instead of fighting among themselves. We also pray for an end to gun violence, and that people will see the problem and not ignore it. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For the homeless and the poor, and those who do not have what they need to survive. We also pray for our families, and for everyone who is sick, or hurt, or lonely. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For those who have died, remembering especially our grandparents and Queen Elizabeth II. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

*Celebrant* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

## THE WELCOME &amp; YOUTH SUNDAY RECOGNITIONS

*All sit.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM I will worship

George Dyson (1883-1964)

Words from Psalm 138

I will worship toward thy holy temple and praise thy name for thy loving kindness and truth.  
All the earth shall praise thee, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.  
For though the Lord is high yet hath respect unto the lowly;  
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet thou shall refresh me and thy right hand shall hold me.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

*All stand and sing.*

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

## 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.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

## THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 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.*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave



it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*All* **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### THE FRACTION ANTHEM

*All sing.*

3 *f* Forcefully

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!

*Music: Jeffrey Rickard, 1986; used by permission.*

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Come God's people, come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

*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 ANTHEM Cantic to the Spirit

Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

Words: Hildegard of Bingen (1098–1179)

Holy Spirit, giving life to all life, root of all life, washing them clean, wiping out their mistakes, healing all their wounds, you are our true life, luminous, wonderful, awakening the heart from its ancient sleep.

## THE COMMUNION HYMN 315 Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray

SONG 1

*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 or kneel.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

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

## THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 494 Crown him with many crowns

DIADEMATA

*All stand and sing.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

## THE VOLUNTARY Toccata Brevis

Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)

*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  
**Assisting Clergy:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald  
**Preachers:** Dawson Biondi, Cate Emerick, Genella Evans  
**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney  
**Layreaders:** Benjamin Clapp, Ford Gillespie  
**Intercessors:** Bobby Eikel, Jx Eikel, Virginia Eikel  
**The St. John's Choir School**  
**Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein  
**Assisting Organist:** Madison Thompson  
**Organ Scholar:** Yingying Xia  
**Musicians:** Dawson Biondi, Cate Emerick, Benjamin Mabrey  
**Ushers:** Robert Eikel, Julia O'Brien  
**Acolytes:** Danielle Branco, Atticus Finkell, Caleb Worrell, Ethen Worrell  
**Healing Prayers:** Annabel Clapp  
**Livestream Oversight:** Elijah Clapp  
**Altar Guild:** Buffy Ineson  
**Nursery Workers:** Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton  
**Sunday School Teachers:** Taffy Wilcox, Jeff Verney, Matt Ciscel  
**Coffee Hour Host:** Lissie Brooks

**Celebrating our Youth**

*These young people have contributed to our worship and parish life throughout the 2022–2023 program year.*

<b>Choir School</b>	<b>Primary Choir</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Nursery Workers</b>
Catherine Emerick, <i>Head Chorister</i> ; James Baker, <i>Prefect</i> ; Mia Agosto, Eden Baker, Nkosi Barrow, Sahara Barrow, Benjamin Clapp, Dana Crocker, Jayden Donnelly, Mason Donnelly, Bobby Eikel, Jx Eikel, Virginia Eikel, Angie Finkell, Liv Lorenzo, Bea Patten, Blythe Peck, Juliette Peck, James Reardon, Alice Yelland	Bobby Eikel, Maxom Goetz, Raphael Katsipis, Zeke Latif, Brooklyn Marchion, Bea Patten, Grayson Reardon, James Reardon, Noah Reardon	<i>Head Acolytes:</i> Dawson Biondi, Elise Biondi, Genella Evans, Isabel Grant, Alice Murchie, Ethen Worrell <i>Acolytes:</i> Eden Baker, James Baker, Sahara Barrow, Danielle Branco, Dorian Ciscel, Bradley Crocker, Jayden Donnelly, Mason Donnelly, Jx Eikel, Virginia Eikel, Caleb Worrell <i>Acolytes in training:</i> Atticus Finkell, Alvin Mani, Brielle Worrell	Morgan Babbitt, Ford Gillespie, Lilah Lorenzo, Kiley Murphy, Abigail Thaxton, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

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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:**

Kim Green	Susan	Ellie Brown	Paul Epstein
Janet Ray	Sue	Anita Winters	Wendy
Brad Babbitt	Whitney Lynch	Mary Jo Keating	Bob Norton
Ward Farrell	Tom Reichenbach	Robert Connolly	Emma Pinney
Paul L. Peck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Anne Beyersdorfer	Sean Kuruvilla
Virginia Skeele	Gina Giusto	Alison Gillespie	Joseph
Grant Loevenbruck	Mima Esponda	Joyce Flynn	Sarah Carroll
John & Barbara Spannaus	The Yelland family	Gus Murchie	Greg Highland
Christie	Nick Willke		

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton  
Christian Dahlstrom

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Alison Hardy  
Abby White  
Huck Whittemore  
Anne Hayes  
Betty Knorr

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Wendy & Tom Lincoln  
Paul Shaker & Cleveland Williams

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. John's, New Milford; Grace Church, Newington; Trinity, Newtown; and for environmental ministry networks, eco-justice work, and community gardens.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies.

**Youth Sunday and Parish Picnic TODAY.** Our annual celebration of all that our children and youth offer to this community as choristers, acolytes, nursery staff, and more is happening today at the 10:30 service. After the service, we'll have our annual parish picnic, rain or shine! We will provide hot dogs and beverages. Please bring something to share if you're able: Last name A–M bring fruit or dessert, last name N–Z bring salad, side, or chips.

**Celtic worship, Sunday TODAY at 5 p.m.** Our last Celtic Eucharist of the 2022–2023 program year is this afternoon at 5 p.m. Celtic worship, held in Hubbard Hall, is somewhat less formal than Sunday morning worship, and includes music, prayer, silence, and chant. All ages are welcome. **There is no potluck supper afterward due to the parish picnic earlier in the day.** Celtic worship will resume in the fall on the second Sunday of the month, October through May (with no service in December).

**St. John's is hiring professional child care workers for Sunday nursery duty for the 2023-2024 program year.** For details, see the graphic on page 14. If you know someone who might be a good fit, please spread the word!

**Summer service schedule begins, Sunday, June 11, 9 and 10:30 a.m.** Summer Sunday services are held at 9 a.m. outdoors (weather permitting) and 10:30 a.m. indoors. The summer schedule goes through Labor Day weekend, with the 8 and 10:30 a.m. schedule resuming on September 10.


**We're looking for a few new ushers.** The usher ministry is central to our worship and parish life, as ushers greet people, hand out bulletins, help with service logistics, and serve as a resource. Ushers serve at the 10:30 Sunday service about once every 4 to 6 weeks during the program year, once or twice over the summer, and occasionally at special holiday services. The summer is a great time to try ushering to see if it's a good fit. Contact Laura Roche (head usher) at [ldakeroch@aol.com](mailto:ldakeroch@aol.com) or Ellen in the parish office at [ellen@sjparish.net](mailto:ellen@sjparish.net) if you'd like to give it a try.


**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 the church office to sign up for a two-hour shift.

**Spring Fling success!** Thank you to *all* who came to the Spring Fling a few weeks ago. It was a joyous evening of fellowship and fundraising. We raised about \$11,000, which is a great amount. In the excitement of checking in out, many people did not pick up one of the blue bags with information on St. John's feeding ministries, including the Blessing Box in front of the church and our collection for the West Hartford Food Pantry. We hope you'll take the bag grocery shopping with you as a reminder to pick up a few items to help feed our neighbors. If you would like one, they are in Hubbard Hall and free for you to take. Again, thank you to so many of you for supporting St. John's by your participation and attendance at the Spring Fling.

**New ushers  
needed!**

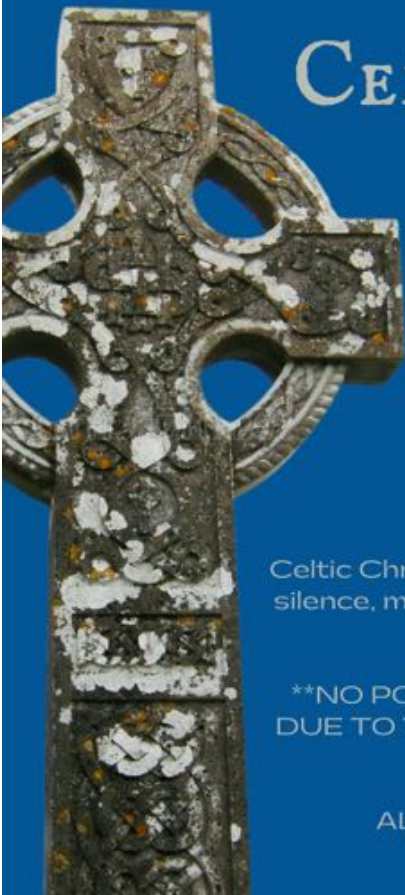
Ushers welcome people to church, give out worship bulletins, collect the offering, help with service logistics, and serve as a resource for worshippers. Ushers serve at the 10:30 Sunday service about once every 4 to 6 weeks, and also help out with special holiday services.





Summer is a great time to try ushering to see if it's a good fit. We will pair you with an experienced usher.

If you're interested, please contact Laura Roche (head usher) at [ldakeroch@aol.com](mailto:ldakeroch@aol.com) or Ellen Dollar in the parish office at [ellen@sjparish.net](mailto:ellen@sjparish.net).



# CELTIC WORSHIP

at St. John's

## SUNDAY, MAY 21 5:00 PM

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

**\*\*NO POTLUCK SUPPER THIS MONTH DUE TO THE PARISH PICNIC EARLIER IN THE DAY\*\***

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!



ST. JOHN'S IS HIRING!

## PROFESSIONAL CHILD CARE WORKER(S)

FOR OUR PARISH NURSERY

Have you noticed that our Sunday morning nursery is bursting at the seams? We've had as many as a dozen children under 5 at one time! We're excited to have so many little ones in our parish family, and want to ensure quality care for them while their caregivers participate in church activities.

For the 2023-2024 program year (September through early June), we will hire one or preferably two child care workers to staff the nursery from 9am to noon every Sunday. We're looking for applicants with proven child care skills and excellent references. Reliability is a must! We will pay a generous hourly wage. This could be a good fit for a day care worker, preschool teacher, early childhood ed college/grad student, or retired teacher looking for some extra income for weekend work.

Interested applicants may contact Margie at [margie@sjparish.net](mailto:margie@sjparish.net) or 860.523.5201



# St. John's Summer Sundays

9 a.m. outdoors  
10:30 a.m. indoors & livestreamed

**June 11 through September 3**

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  
everyone is welcome at St. John's!  
Contact the church office to sign up for a  
two-hour shift.**

# St. John's Episcopal Church

*A place to discover connections with God and one another in Christ*

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist

The 10:30 service is also livestreamed at [sjparish.net/services](http://sjparish.net/services).

Choral Evensong or Celtic Eucharist at 5 p.m. on select Sundays.

Daily Morning Prayer by phone at 6:45 a.m. Monday through Friday

*Contact parish office for call-in details.*

## STAFF

The Rev. Todd FitzGerald (todd@sjparish.net).....	<i>Priest in Charge</i>
The Rev. Margie Baker (margie@sjparish.net).....	<i>Assistant Rector</i>
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The Rev. Walter McKenney .....	<i>Deacon</i>
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Dwight Latif (dwight@sjparish.net).....	<i>Sexton</i>
Peggy O'Toole (peggy@sjparish.net).....	<i>Financial Administrator</i>
Christa Rakich.....	<i>Organ Artist-in-Residence</i>
Ralph Valentine .....	<i>Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus</i>

## VESTRY

Ginger Gillespie.....	<i>Warden</i>
Stewart Murchie .....	<i>Warden</i>
Anne Harney and David McCary.....	<i>Co-Treasurers</i>

2021–23: Annabel Clapp, Robert Eikel, Julia O'Brien

2022–24: Lissie Brooks, Marcos Donnelly, Rosa Guzzo, Mary Honyotski

2023–25: Angela Allen-Peck, Eleanor Barnes, John Nowacki, Tom Oberholtzer