St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Second Sunday after Pentecost HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

June 11, 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 siparish.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. We do not offer staffed nursery care over the summer, but a changing table and couches are available in the Education Wing for parents to use as needed.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Hommage à Schumann: Chorale Prelude on *Hendon* Christa Rakich (b. 1952)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 493 O for a thousand tongues to sing *All stand and sing*.

AZMON

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 forever. 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. **Amen.**

Genesis 12:1-9

THE HYMN OF PRAISE





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may

think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and

ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

All sit.

Tow the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of

Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 33:1–12

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

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; * it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the harp; * play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
- 3 Sing for him a new song; * sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is right, * and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; * the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, * by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin * and stores up the depths of the sea.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; * let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; * he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; * he thwarts the designs of the peoples.
- 11 But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, * and the designs of his heart from age to age.
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! * happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 641 Lord Jesus, think on me

SOUTHWELL

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL *Matthew* 9:9–13, 18–26

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

s Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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 AND THE CONFESSION

The people say the words in bold.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our presiding bishop, for Jeff and Laura our bishops, and for all bishops and other ministers; For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The people may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Gordon Fowler, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,

strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

THE WELCOME

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC Prière, Opus 105

Mel Bonis (1858-1937)

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

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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



Music: Land of Rest, arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889–1983)

All remain standing or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power,

and the glory

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

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 321 My God, thy table now is spread

ROCKINGHAM

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 Et

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 HYMN IN PROCESSION 686 Come, thou fount of every blessing *All sing*.

NETTLETON

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Offertoire, Opus 182

Mel Bonis (1858-1937)

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.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Layreader: Jeff Verney Chalice Bearer: Jane Harris Organist: Christa Rakich

Ushers: Eleanor Barnes, Gregg Finkell, Donielle Joslyn

Healing Prayers: Sarah Kieffer Livestream Oversight: Ray Giolitto Altar Guild: Kate Eikel, Buffy Ineson

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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, and the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford. 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	Steve Chambers	Jane Nelson
Jennifer Blean	Susan Murray	Rachel Boccio	

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Jerry Fiske Louise Mansolf Christoph Stretz Annabelle Hicks Erica Weinstock Bauer Swift

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Martha & John Church Beth & Joel Grieco

Those who have died:

Gordon Fowler, member of St. John's

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Paul's, Norwalk; All Saints with Christ, Oakville; St. Saviour's, Old Greenwich; and for students of all ages who are graduating.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia.

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 ldakeroche@aol.com or Ellen in the parish office at 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.

Two volunteers needed to support our work with Loaves & Fishes. Do you want to help feed people in need? Two (or more) volunteers are needed to carry forward St. John's support of Loaves and Fishes, a soup kitchen that since 1982 has been serving residents of the Asylum Hill neighborhood with more than 35,000 hot meals annually. St. John's cooks and serves a meal for Loaves and Fishes once every month. One volunteer is needed to coordinate our cooks and buy ingredients for the meal; a second volunteer is needed to coordinate our servers who serve a hot lunch at Loaves & Fishes on the second Wednesday of every month. Please contact Lissie Brooks at lissiebrooks@gmail.com to learn more.

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 Idakeroche@aol.com or Ellen Dollar in the parish office at ellen@sjparish.net.

Rest, Pray, Love, Play

activities for everyone



We can pray, serve, gather, and rejoice in any season! We've compiled 30 activities to keep God at the center of our lives even when routines shift and we aren't at church as often. This summer, complete as many of them as you want. Pick up a copy at church or go to sjparish.net/summer.

St. John's Summer Sundays

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

June II through September 3



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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9 a.m. Sunday: Holy Eucharist in the Cloister Garden 10:30 a.m. Sunday: Holy Eucharist in the church and livestreamed Daily Morning Prayer by phone at 6:45 a.m. Monday through Friday Contact parish office for call-in details.

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