

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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## *The Day of Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*May 28, 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.

Cover image: Holy Spirit Coming by He Qi



## ORDER OF SERVICE

**THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY** Choral varié sur le thème du Veni Creator Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)  
Theme. Allegro religioso – Variation 1. Poco meno mosso –  
Variation 2. Allegretto – Variation 3. Andante espressivo

*Veni Creator Spiritus* is believed to have been composed by Rabanus Maurus in the 9th century. An invocation of the Holy Spirit, it has been included in many musical arrangements, including Gustav Holst's 8th Symphony, as well as in the Duruflé set of variations for organ that frame our worship this morning.

**THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 225** Hail thee, festival day!  
*All stand and sing.*

SALVE FESTA DIES

## 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.**

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE

*All sing.*

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-  
 might-y 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: William Mathias (b. 1934) Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc.



William Mathias was a Welsh composer best known for his music for choir and organ. A child prodigy, he started playing the piano at the age of three and began composing at the age of five. His festive and exciting settings of the Gloria and Sanctus have been mainstays of the Episcopal liturgy since they were written, in 1975.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Numbers 11:24–30*

*All sit.*

**M**oses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalms 104:25–35, 37*

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



Send forth your **Spi - rit**, **O LORD**, and re - new the face of the earth.

- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 **Yonder is the great and wide sea**  
**with its living things too many to number, \***  
**creatures both small and great.**
- 27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 **All of them look to you \***  
**to give them their food in due season.**

29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 **You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.**

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 **May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the Lord.

37 **Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!**

*Antiphon*

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Acts 2:1–21*

**W**hen the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN Spirit, Spirit of gentleness (vv. 1 &amp; 2)

GENTLENESS

*All stand and sing.*

*Refrain*

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness

call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,

stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,  
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand  
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,  
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings,"  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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## THE GOSPEL

John 20:19–23

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

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

**W**hen it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

*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 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.**

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 Joan Murphy, 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 ANTHEM   Pentecost Carol

Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

Text: George Timms (1910–1997) alt., found at Hymn 230

*During the Presentation Hymn, children are invited to bring up donated food up as an offering. Children who would like to participate may go to the wagon at the back of the church, choose one food item, and bring it forward to put in front of the altar.*

## 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.***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. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. 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

*All sing.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*Title:* The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus*Music:* William Mathias (1934-1992) Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.*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 FRACTION ANTHEM

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 of the world: Give us your peace.

Title: *The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei*  
Music: Gerard R. Near (b. 1942) Copyright © 1985 Aureole Editions, Dallas, Texas.

## 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 MOTET Veni Creator Spiritus

Plainsong  
Words: Latin, 9th century

*Come Creator Spirit, visit the souls of Thy people,  
Fill with grace from on high the hearts which Thou hast created.*

*Inflame our senses with Thy light, pour Thy love into our hearts,  
Strengthen our weak bodies with lasting power.*

*Grant us by Thee to know the Father and to know the Son,  
And Thee, Spirit of both, may we always believe.*

*To God the Father be glory, to the Son Who rose from the dead  
And to the Comforter, for all ages. Amen.*

## THE COMMUNION HYMN Spirit, Spirit of gentleness (vv. 3 & 4)

GENTLENESS

*All remain seated and sing. The hymn is printed on pp. 6–7 of this bulletin.*

## 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* **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 516 Come down, O Love divine

DOWN AMPNEY

*All stand and sing.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Choral varié sur le thème du *Veni Creator*  
Variation 4 'Final'. Allegro

Maurice Duruflé

*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.*

***Please stay after the service to help make 200 sandwiches for Loaves & Fishes.***

**THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY****Celebrant:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Preacher:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald**Layreader:** Christoph Stretz**The St. John's Adult Choir****Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Ushers:** Enid Oberholtzer, Don Polk**Acolytes:** Eden Baker, James Baker, Bradley Crocker**Healing Prayers:** Sarah Kieffer**Livestream Oversight:** Francis Lamlein**Altar Guild:** Carol Sonne, Brenda Zanta**Nursery Workers:** Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

**The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Edith H. Phillips,  
Earl Biscoe, Jr., and Lilly Biscoe.**

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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	Steve Chambers	Jane Nelson

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton  
Christian Dahlstrom

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Sarah Faude	Randall Hayes
Mary Jo Keating	Carolyn Roche
Tom Lincoln	Patricia Smith
Jeanne Winkleblack	Elise Biondi
Hope Eakins	Carolyn Callahan
Amy Manise	Mary Honyotski

**Those who have died:**

Joan Murphy, *member of St. John's, wife of David Murphy, mother of Susan Murphy Thaxton, grandmother of Kiley Murphy and Alex, Sarah, Abby, Caroline & Olivia Thaxton*

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. John's, Niantic; Zion, North Branford; St. John's, North Haven; and for Companions in Mission for Publishing & Communication and those communicating God's Word, digital ministry, online social networks and communities.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Extra-Provincial Churches.

**Parish office closed on Monday and summer office hours begin this week.** The church office will be closed tomorrow for Memorial Day. During the summer (Memorial Day through Labor Day), the church office is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. While individual staff members may be available outside of these hours, please keep the summer schedule in mind if you need to call or stop by the office. Thank you!

**Pipes Alive! with artist-in-residence Christa Rakich, Sunday, June 4 at 12:30 p.m.** Close out another wonderful year of music from Music at the Red Door with our final Pipes Alive! organ recital for this season. Our organ artist-in-residence Christa Rakich lives in Ohio most of the year as a visiting professor at Oberlin College, so we are especially excited to welcome her back to St. John's. Free admission with donations welcome.

**Covenant Prep graduation at St. John's, Tuesday, June 6 at 6 p.m.** St. John's will host the graduation ceremonies for Covenant Preparatory School, a tuition-free college preparatory middle school in Hartford, on Tuesday, June 6 at 6 p.m. St. John's has long supported Covenant Prep, and all parishioners are invited to attend the graduation to recognize and support the graduating 8th graders.

**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 [ldakeroche@aol.com](mailto:ldakeroche@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.

**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](mailto:lissiebrooks@gmail.com) to learn more.



# PIPES ALIVE!



**Christa Rakich**  
**June 4, 12:30pm**  
**St. John's, West Hartford, CT**

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## 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 [ldakeroche@aol.com](mailto:ldakeroche@aol.com) or Ellen Dollar in the parish office at [ellen@sjparish.net](mailto:ellen@sjparish.net).

# **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>
Scott Lamlein (scott@sjparish.net).....	<i>Director of Music</i>
The Rev. Walter McKenney .....	<i>Deacon</i>
Ellen Painter Dollar (ellen@sjparish.net).....	<i>Parish Manager</i>
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