

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*September 24, 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](http://sjparish.net/newcomer)



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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 professionally staffed nursery for children age 0 to 5 is open from 9 a.m. until after the 10:30 service; parents/caregivers are welcome to drop off their children in the nursery for part or all of the service. The nursery is also equipped with a changing table and rocking chair for parents/caregivers to use as needed.



## ORDER OF SERVICE

**THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY** Prelude for Organ: Tonality of Time Francesco Blackmore (b. 1991)



*Francesco Blackmore was born in Jamaica and came to the United States at the age of 15. He attended Manchester Community College, graduating with an associate’s degree in music studies, and continued his education at Central Connecticut State University, graduating Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor’s in music theory and composition with an organ performance focus. Francesco is a member of the American Guild of Organists, Greater Hartford Chapter (AGO), and is currently the director of music at Trinity Episcopal Church in Collinsville, CT, as well as the music director at Connecticut Valley Seventh Day Adventist Church in South Windsor, CT. Scott Lamlein premiered this work in concert in 2019.*

**THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 410** Praise, my soul, the King of heaven LAUDA ANIMA  
*All stand and sing.*

## 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.

*People* **Amen.**

THE SONG OF PRAISE *Dignus es*

Benjamin Straley (b. 1986)

*The refrain is introduced by the choir, then all repeat. The choir sings the verses, and all join in the refrain.*



Splen-dor and hon-or and king-ly power are yours by right, O Lord our God.

For you created every thing that is,  
and by your will they were created and have their being; *Refrain*  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation,  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God. *Refrain*  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne,  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,  
for ever and for evermore. *Refrain*

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

Exodus 16:2–15

*All sit.*

**T**he whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of

Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

#### THE PSALTER

*The psalm is **chanted** by the choir; the people sing the antiphon as indicated.*

*Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45*

Anglican chant by

Thomas Norris (1741–1790)



- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; \*  
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, \*  
because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering \*  
and a fire to give light in the night season.

- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, \*  
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
so the river ran in the dry places.
- 42 For God remembered his holy word \*  
and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, \*  
his chosen with shouts of joy.
- 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, \*  
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
- 45 That they might keep his statutes \*  
and observe his laws.  
Hallelujah!

**Antiphon**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Philippians 1:21–30*

**T**o me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN For the fruit of all creation

AR HYD Y NOS

*All stand and sing.*

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 found us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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 MUSIC: Welsh melody; harm. Luther O. Emerson (1820-1915)  
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## THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 20:1-16*

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

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

**J**esus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them

their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

*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 give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name as we offer our prayers for the church and the world, saying: Holy One, hear our prayer.

For the Church and all its people, especially Michael, our presiding bishop; Jeff and Laura, our bishops; and the clergy and members of this parish, that we may welcome all who come to the Lord's vineyard, whoever they are and whatever the hour. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that we may model a Gospel community in which there is no first nor last, but only siblings in Christ. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all who have lost hope or are isolated from family and friends, that they may experience God's presence, and remain open to possibilities for connection, reconciliation, and love. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all who are working to aid victims of earthquakes, fires, floods, and famine, that God will give them strength, wisdom, and protection from harm. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For greater stewardship of creation, that God will empower us to oppose the misuse of resources and protect the magnificence of the natural world for future generations. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For those who are suffering, lonely, or in pain, and those commended to our prayers, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that God will strengthen them with healing and hope. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all the departed, especially Anne Beyersdorfer, that having gained Christ they may live with him forever. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Gracious and merciful God, you call your children at every hour into your divine work. Hear our prayers and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may be fruitful servants in your vineyard in our own time and place, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All remain standing or kneel.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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 Thou God of truth and love

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Thou God of truth and love,  
We seek thy perfect way,  
Ready thy choice to approve,  
Thy providence to obey:  
Enter into thy wise design,  
And sweetly lose our will in thine.

Why hast thou cast our lot  
In the same age and place?  
And why together brought  
To see each other's face?  
To join with softest sympathy,  
And mix our friendly souls in thee?

Didst thou not make us one,  
That we might one remain,  
Together travel on,  
And bear each other's pain;  
Till all thy utmost goodness prove,  
And rise renewed in perfect love?

O may thy Spirit seal  
Our souls unto that day,  
With all thy fulness fill,  
And then transport away!  
Away to our eternal rest,  
Away to our Redeemer's breast!

*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

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*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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav'n 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

*All remain standing or kneel.*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

**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 Be known to us, Lord Jesus Gary James (b. 1957)

*The refrain is introduced by the choir, then all repeat. The choir sings the verses, and all join in the refrain.*



The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. **Refrain**

One body are we, alleluia, for though many, we share one bread. **Refrain**

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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Take this bread, share this wine. In these Christ comes to us with love from God. 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 O sacrum convivium

Stephanie Martin (b. 1962)

Text: St. Thomas Aquinas

O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur;  
recolitur memoria passionis ejus;  
mens impletur gratia;  
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.

(Alleluia)

Panem de caelo praestitisti eis  
Omnem delectamentum in se habentem.

*O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received;  
the memorial of his passion is renewed;  
the soul is filled with grace;  
and a pledge of future glory is given to us.*

(Alleluia)

*You gave them bread from heaven  
Containing in itself all sweetness.*



*An award-winning composer and conductor, Stephanie Martin has wide musical interests ranging from Gregorian chant to gamelan; from Froberger to folksong. A guardian of musical heritage and a creative collaborator, she is known for imaginative programming and for creating sustainable musical communities.*

THE COMMUNION HYMN 309 O food to pilgrims given

O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN

*All remain seated and sing.*

## 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 541 Come, labor on

ORA LABORA

*All sing.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Carillon de Longpont

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

*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.*

*Please stay after the service for coffee hour and to help make sandwiches for Loaves & Fishes.*

## THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

**Celebrant:** The Reverend Margie Baker

**Preacher:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

**Layreader:** Jyothsna Diaz

**The St. John's Adult Choir**

**Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein

**Acolytes:** Jamie Baker, Eden Baker, Jx Eikel

**Ushers:** Geoff Emerick, Ellen Flynn, Wes Winterbottom, Erica Weinstock

**Healing Prayers:** Wes Winterbottom

**Livestream Director:** Francis Lamlein

**Altar Guild:** Buffy Ineson, Bill Lockery

**Sunday School Teachers:** Jenn Baker, Margie Baker

**Nursery Staff:** Nichole Segar, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

**The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Duccio and Nina Rosselli del Turco.**

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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	Robert Connolly	Bob Norton
Paul L. Peck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Alison Gillespie	Sean Kuruvilla
Virginia Skeelee	Gina Giusto	Joyce Flynn	Joseph
Grant Loevenbruck	Mima Esponda	Steve Chambers	Sarah Carroll
John & Barbara Spannaus	The Yelland family	Rachel Boccio	Greg Highland
Jennifer Blean	Harry Barber	Joan Ackley	Rachel
Tori	Doug Larson	Guy Russo	Deborah Seid
Deborah	Dennis Simoni	Harriet Odlum	Joanna Jones
Hale Walkoff	Brenda	Joan Warner	Jimmy
Rod Farrell	Nick Willke	Jon Nelson	Lisa Burke
Hillary Lord	Marnie Mueller	Bauer Swift	

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton  
Christian Dahlstrom

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Eddie Genece	Manuel Aguiar
Anderson Raymond	Mary Bainbridge
Lilley Hohl	Mabel Mani
Lindsey Carlisle	Komi Barrow
Tony Erdman	Eleanor Wilcox
Gus Murchie	

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Liz & Andy Marchion  
June & Emmy Aziz  
Ginger & James Manise

**Those who have died:**

Anne Beyersdorfer, *friend of Lisa Mahoney*

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Christ Church, Stratford; Trinity, Tariffville; St. Peter's/Trinity, Thomaston; and for youth and youth ministries, J2A, Confirm Not Conform, and all confirmation classes and other programs that challenge youth to grow in their faith and discipleship.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Church of Ireland.

### St. John's Online Parish Directory



- **Our membership management software, Realm, includes an online directory** that members can access through the St. John's Realm web site ([onrealm.org/sjparish](http://onrealm.org/sjparish)) or the Realm Connect smartphone app.
- **The only people who can access this directory are other parish members** approved by the parish office who have set up login credentials.
- **If you do NOT want to be listed in the password-protected online directory**, please let Ellen in the parish office know ASAP.
- **You may receive an automated email from Realm informing you of a "privacy change."** This notification just means that Ellen has changed your profile settings to ensure that you are included in the directory. If it says that your information is available to "Anyone in the church," keep in mind that "anyone" refers only to people with login credentials who are known to the parish office. At no time is your information accessible online to those not affiliated with the church.
- **If you have not yet logged into Realm to see all it can do, give it a try!** With a Realm account, you can access the online directory, track your pledge progress, make a pledge, set up one-time or recurring pledge payments or gifts, see a list of previous pledge payments and gifts, communicate with your volunteer groups, register and pay for events (such as the annual Choir School camp), and more.
- **To be approved and set up login credentials, go to our St. John's Realm web site at [onrealm.org/sjparish](http://onrealm.org/sjparish)** and click the link to request login access. Once Ellen approves your access, you will receive an email invitation with instructions for how to set up your credentials. Set-up involves creating a password and verifying your email address, so make sure to complete all of the steps.
- **A link to Realm is always available on the main menu of our web site at [sjparish.net](http://sjparish.net).**
- **Once you have login credentials set up, download the Realm Connect app on your phone**, so you always have access to the directory and your own information on the go.
- **Please upload a recent photo of yourself/your family**, as the online directory is most useful when it includes photos to help everyone match names and faces.

**Coffee hour hosts needed!** Coffee hour is an opportunity after each 10:30 service to greet one another over a cup of coffee. It is held each week either outdoors or in Hubbard Hall, and we need people to sign up as hosts. **Hosting is easy!** Your primary job as host is hospitality—staffing our Information Station cart and greeting people. You do not have to make coffee, and providing food is welcome but optional. In addition, **any parishioner is welcome to bring food to any coffee hour to share**, with no sign-up required. Go to [sjparish.net/sundayvolunteers](http://sjparish.net/sundayvolunteers) to sign up as a host.

**HVAC project information sessions: TODAY at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday, October 22 at noon.** Because our 30-year-old HVAC (heating/ventilation/air conditioning) system is long past its expected lifespan and not as efficient as it should be, the St. John's House Committee has spent more than a year researching options for installing a new, more efficient system. In addition, an HVAC Financing Committee has been exploring how we might pay for this major project via loans, donations, grants, and financial incentives. Parishioner support for and understanding of this project is vital. We're therefore encouraging all adult parishioners to attend one of two information sessions on this project: Today at 9:30 a.m. (during the education hour) or after church on Sunday, October 22. Please attend one of these sessions so you can be fully informed as our parish community takes on this significant project.

**Choral Evensong, TODAY at 5 p.m.** The first Choral Evensong of the new program year will feature music from the St. John's Schola. Evensong is an ancient and beautiful service featuring music, chant, and prayer offered in a contemplative setting. Please join us and bring a friend.

**Help a Simsbury mom furnish a new home for her family via Journey Home.** St. John's is once again furnishing a home for a Journey Home client who is moving into permanent housing after experiencing homelessness. Melissa and her four children are moving into a new apartment in Simsbury, and we need your help getting them the furniture and housewares they need. See the list of what is needed on page 17 of this bulletin, and contact Mary Honyotski at maryhonyotski@gmail.com if you have items to donate or can help transport items to the apartment.

**Dreams: A musical journey with Afro-Cuban inspired jazz, dance, and drums, Friday, September 29, 7:30 p.m.** You'll find it impossible to sit still during this evening—our first major Music at the Red Door event of the new program year—featuring Afro-Cuban influenced rhythms and soulful, creative music and dance. We will welcome dancers Chantal Edwards and Savanna Jones, along with Ed Fast and Congabop for this upbeat treat for young and old alike! This event will be presented in person and by livestream. Free admission with no tickets required; donations are welcome.

**Training for experienced and new layreaders, Sunday, October 1 after the 10:30 service.** All current layreaders, and anyone interested in learning more about this ministry, are invited to stay after the 10:30 service next Sunday for an info session and training. Layreaders read scripture and the Prayers of the People at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday services, and share the chalice at communion (although the role is flexible should someone prefer not to do all of these tasks). Scheduling is done via an online sign-up, so volunteers can choose a schedule that works for them. Please join us!

**Pet blessing in honor of St. Francis's feast day, Sunday, October 1 at 4:30 p.m.** Bring your furry (or scaled or feathered...) friends for a brief outdoor service of blessing and thanksgiving for God's creation and all of God's creatures, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi's feast day (October 4). The pet blessing will be brief to allow for those attending EYC (youth group) at 5 p.m. Please bring your pet on a leash or in a crate/cage to ensure everyone's safety.

**The Altar Guild is looking for new members.** The Altar Guild does "behind the scenes" preparation for all worship services at St. John's. Most of the Altar Guild's work happens on Sunday mornings; occasional weekday availability is helpful though not essential. To learn more and discuss whether this ministry is a good fit for you, please contact the Altar Guild chairperson, Buffy Ineson, at buffyineson@gmail.com.

**Celtic Eucharist, Sunday, October 8 at 5 p.m., followed by a potluck supper.** Monthly Celtic services resume on the second Sunday of the month from October through May (no service in December). Celtic services are less formal than Sunday morning worship, and take place in Hubbard Hall. They include simple music, prayers, chants, and Holy Communion. People of all ages are welcome! After the service, please stay for a potluck supper, and bring something to share if you are able.

**DATE CHANGE: October online book club meeting, Tuesday, October 10, 7 p.m.** The October meeting of the new St. John's online book club has been moved to October 10 (instead of October 3). We will discuss *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis. Book club meetings are in Zoom; the Zoom link is included in the e-news.

**Area chairpeople needed for the annual St. John's Christmas Festival, Saturday, December 2 at 10 a.m.** Annabel Clapp has again stepped up to chair this beloved annual event, which is one of our major fundraisers. In the coming months, we'll be looking for volunteers and donations. For now, we're looking for leaders for various festival areas, including the **Festival Café, the Chic Boutique (gently used jewelry and accessories), the Country Kitchen Bake Sale, and Attic Treasures (good quality, gently used household items)**. We need a chairperson for each area to help recruit and instruct other volunteers, sort and price items for sale, work with the parish office to obtain supplies, etc. *If we don't have a volunteer to chair a particular area, that area will not be included in this year's festival.* If you can help, please contact Annabel by email at annabeltrickett@yahoo.com or by text at 860-808-6775.

**Interested in volunteer opportunities?** Take a look at the packet compiled for the Celebration of Ministry brunch on September 10. It includes information about many of our core volunteer ministries, including Altar Guild, layreaders, ushers, the Christmas Festival, and more. Pick one up at the "Information Station" cart at coffee hour.



## Help furnish an apartment!

### Items needed:

2 twin beds  
 3 twin size comforters and/or blankets  
 2 couches or loveseats  
 5 dressers  
 1 coffee table  
 3 end tables/night stands  
 1 kitchen table w/ 5 chairs  
 1 TV stand  
 8 place settings of dishes  
 8 drinking glasses  
 1 set of cooking utensils  
 3 lamps  
 1 toaster

St. John's is partnering with Journey Home—a community organization working to end homelessness in Connecticut—to furnish an apartment for their client Melissa and her four children, aged 5-15, who are moving into an apartment in Simsbury.

Here's how you can be part of this project:

- Donate one of the listed items in good (or new!) condition.
- Help with picking items up and bringing them to the family's apartment.

We are only collecting the specific items listed here. If you have items to donate, want to help with pick-up and drop-off, or have any questions, e-mail Mary Honyotski of the Community Service Committee at [maryhonyotski@gmail.com](mailto:maryhonyotski@gmail.com).



St. John's



"Ask the beasts and they will teach you the beauty of this earth." - St. Francis of Assisi

## St. Francis Day Pet Blessing

Sunday, October 1  
 4:30 p.m.  
 at St. John's

In honor of St. Francis's feast day (which is October 4) pets of all kinds and their owners are invited to a brief outdoor service of blessing and thanksgiving for the gifts of creation and our animal companions.



**A cool church in the summer,  
a warm church in the winter...**

This is what we want and expect when we come to St. John's. But our 30-year-old HVAC (heating/ventilation/air conditioning) system is inefficient and long past its expected lifespan. Our House Committee has been working for more than a year to consider options for replacing the HVAC system with more efficient, environmentally sustainable equipment. An HVAC Financing Committee has been exploring how we can pay for this project through loans, donations, grants, and/or financial incentives. It's time for the parish to hear what these committees have learned, and how we can all support the project to ensure that our thriving parish and beautiful facilities will be cared for in a sustainable way for many more years.

**HVAC Project Updates**  
**Sunday 9/24 at 9:30 am OR**  
**Sunday 10/22 at noon**  
 Please plan to attend one of these sessions.

## Ministry of Lay Readers Training Program



**Sunday, October 01**  
**After the 10:30 am service**

**VENUE:** Start in Hubbard Hall and proceed to the Nave for various sections of the training

**DURATION:** Approx. 1 hr

**TRAINING AGENDA:**

- Role of a lay reader at St. John's
- How to be a good lay reader?

*Join Our Lay Readers Ministry  
and Illuminate Hearts and Minds*  
 (Open to anyone 18 years and above)

**FOR DETAILS, CONTACT:**

Ellen Painter Dollar - [ellen@sjparish.net](mailto:ellen@sjparish.net)  
 Jyothsna Diaz - [jyothsna75@gmail.com](mailto:jyothsna75@gmail.com)

# EVENSONG

## St. John's Schola



### September 24, 5pm

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# DREAMS



## Afro-Cuban Jazz, Dance and Drums

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



**Friday, September 29, 2023  
7:30pm**

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Sunday: Spoken Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Sunday: Christian education for all ages

10:30 a.m. Sunday: Choral Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed)

5 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month (*October – May, no service in December*): Celtic Eucharist in Hubbard Hall

5 p.m. on select fourth Sundays of the month: Choral Evensong

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>
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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	