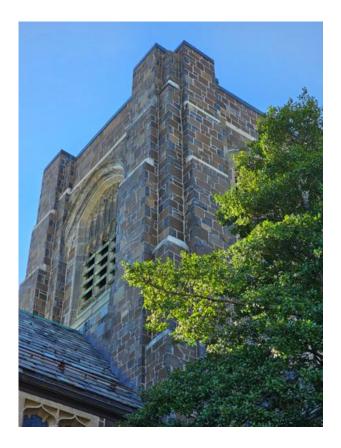
# St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II September 3, 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

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. 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.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Basse de Trompette

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 435, vv. 1–4 At the name of Jesus *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.

CelebrantAlmighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:<br/>Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may<br/>perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Jean-Adam Guilain (1680–1739)

KING'S WESTON

#### THE HYMN OF PRAISE

All sing. 1 All glo to God on high, and from TY be peace 05 earth Fa 2 0 of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God ther Lamb the . S You ly are the Ho . ly One, who came for our sal 00 good will fail ing - ly and God's be hea ven. 1122 . gave the world 125. who for was sac . n - ficed up ly God's true Son. who va tion. and on you are . peo - ple bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for all giv en. We 60 . the to us; and, 28 you sit at God's right hand and om CT055 save be - fore tion. You, on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and, Was. CTC . 2 . ther. your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al-might - y Fa we for judg-ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up on 115. with the Spi - rit, a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo you ry. Words: Nikolaus Decius (1490)-1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.; para, of Gioria in enothis Music: Alleis Gott is der Hih, melody att. Nikolaus Decius (1490)-1541); 87. 83. 887

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for

*Exodus* 3:1–15

he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

## THE PSALTER

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

- 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.
- 23 Israel came into Egypt, \* and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; \* he made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, \* and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant, \* and Aaron whom he had chosen.
- 45 Hallelujah!

Psalm 105:1–6, 23–26, 45c

## THE SECOND LESSON

et love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 707 Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee HOLLINGSIDE *All stand and sing*.

#### THE GOSPEL

MinisterThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.AllGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

MinisterThe Gospel of the Lord.AllPraise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON All sit. The Reverend Margie Baker

#### Romans 12:9–21

Matthew 16:21–28

## 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, especially for those affected by Hurricane Idalia in Florida and those recovering from the wildfires on Maui; **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 Edythe Freeouf, 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

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.AllAnd also with you.

THE WELCOME *All sit.* 

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC Adagio from Sonata I

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

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. 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





#### 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.

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

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.

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.PeopleTherefore 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 439 What wondrous love is this

WONDROUS LOVE

All remain seated and sing.

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

PeopleEternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your<br/>Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his<br/>Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to<br/>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 450, vv. 1–3 All hail the power of Jesus' name CORONATION *All sing.* 

## THE DISMISSAL

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

## THE VOLUNTARY Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say **Amen** at the end of the Voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.

#### THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald Preacher: The Reverend Margie Baker Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney Layreader: Linda Schatz Organist: Scott Lamlein Ushers: Dan Minster, Erica Weinstock Healing Prayers: David Grimaldi Livestream Oversight: Scott Lamlein Altar Guild: Buffy Ineson, Nancy Pedersen, Brenda Zanta

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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
Janet Ray	Sue
Brad Babbitt	Whitney Lynch
Ward Farrell	Tom Reichenbach
Paul L. Peck	Tessa Trussell Wolf
Virginia Skeele	Gina Giusto
Grant Loevenbruck	Mima Esponda
John & Barbara Spannaus	The Yelland family
Jennifer Blean	Harry Barber
Tori	Doug Larson
Deborah	Dennis Simoni
Hale Walkoff	Brenda
Rod Farrell	Nick Willke

Ellie Brown Anita Winters Mary Jo Keating Robert Connolly Anne Beyersdorfer Alison Gillespie Joyce Flynn Steve Chambers Rachel Boccio Joan Ackley Guy Russo Harriet Odlum Joan Warner Paul Epstein Wendy Bob Norton Sean Kuruvilla Joseph Sarah Carroll Greg Highland Jane Nelson Rachel Guy Russo Deborah Seid Joanna Jones Hillary Lord

#### Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton Christian Dahlstrom

#### Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Benjamin PuzzoTroy GostylaFlora SpeerJakob MontasJayden DonnellyGeorge HicksJack AdamsJulia O'Brien

Florencia Longo Bob Naumann Alexander Grieco

#### Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Lauren Mascola & John Swift Katy Hart & Bill Uricchio

#### Those who have died:

Edythe Freeouf, grandmother of Margie Baker

#### In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Trinity, Southport; Grace Church, Stafford Springs; and for those involved in the ministry of Christian formation in parishes; church school and youth group directors, teachers, and mentors; adult education leaders; Education for Ministry leaders and students; and those who have been received into The Episcopal Church.

#### In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

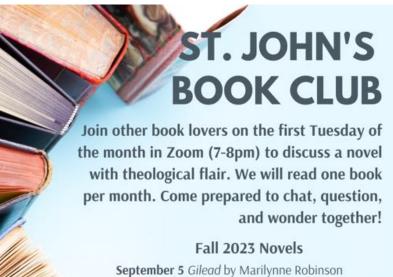
**First St. John's Book Club meeting this Tuesday, September 5, 7 p.m. in Zoom.** The first-ever meeting of the new St. John's online book club will be this Tuesday at 7 p.m. on Zoom. The Zoom link was included in the e-newsletter last Thursday, August 31. We will discuss the novel *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson. Future book club meetings will be at 7 p.m. on October 3 (*The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis) and November 7 (*Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks).

**Kick-off Sunday activities for youth and adults next Sunday.** On September 10, we return to our program year schedule with two services at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., along with Sunday School, nursery care, choir, and adult education. To celebrate and prepare for a new year ahead, we have some special activities.

- During the education hour (starting at 9:30 a.m.), children and youth (kindergarten through high school) will attend Sunday School, and adults will gather in Hubbard Hall for a **Celebration of Ministry brunch** with short introductions to several core parish ministries.
- Immediately following the 10:30 service, we'll have an **acolyte training with pizza lunch**. Children and teens in 3rd grade and above, including those in the Choir School, are eligible to serve as acolytes, and we ask that both new and returning acolytes attend the training.
- There will also be a brief **usher training** for all ushers after the 10:30 service.
- Then at 1:30 p.m., ALL children, youth, and parents/caregivers are invited for an ice cream social and a sneak peek at the program year ahead.

**Choral Evensong, Sunday, September 24, 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.

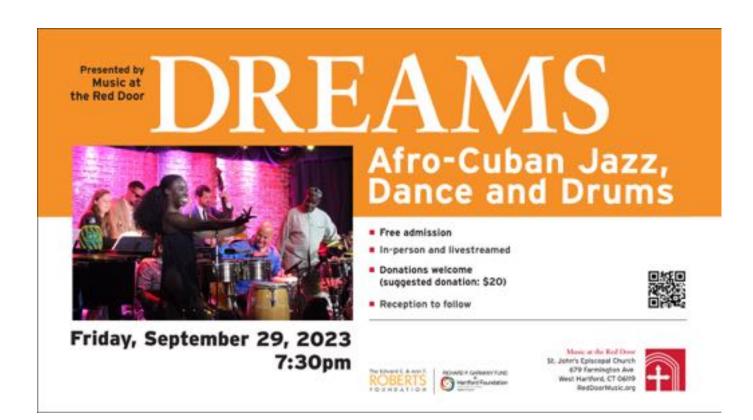
**Dreams: A musical journey with Afro-Cuban inspired jazz, dance, and drums, Friday, September 29, 7:30 p.m.** You'll find it impossible to sit still during this evening—our first major Music at the Red Door event of the new program year—featuring Afro-Cuban influenced rhythms and soulful, creative music 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.



October 3 The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis November 7 Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks

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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.* 

#### STAFF

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Stewart Murchie	Warden
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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	