

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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## *The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*October 15, 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)



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 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.

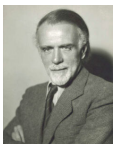
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## ORDER OF SERVICE

### THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Praeludium

Zoltan Kodály (1882–1967)



*Zoltán Kodály was a Hungarian composer, ethnomusicologist, pedagogue, linguist, and philosopher. Throughout his adult life, Kodály was very interested in the problems of many types of music education, and he wrote a large amount of material on teaching methods as well as composing plenty of music intended for children's use.*

*Beginning in 1935, along with his colleague Jenő Ádám, he embarked on a long-term project to reform music teaching in Hungary's lower and middle schools. His work resulted in the publication of several highly influential books. He is well known internationally as the creator of the Kodály method of music education.*

### THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 556 Rejoice, ye pure in heart

MARION

*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 GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

*Exodus 32:1–14*

*All sit.*

**W**hen the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALTER

Psalm 106:1–6, 19–23

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

De - clare the might - y acts of God our Sav - ior.

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**
- 2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord \*  
**or show forth all his praise?**
- 3 Happy are those who act with justice \*  
**and always do what is right!**
- 4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people, \*  
**and visit me with your saving help;**
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect  
and be glad with the gladness of your people, \*  
**that I may glory with your inheritance.**
- 6 We have sinned as our forebears did; \*  
**we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**
- 19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb \*  
**and worshiped a molten image;**
- 20 And so they exchanged their Glory \*  
**for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.**
- 21 They forgot God their Savior, \*  
**who had done great things in Egypt,**
- 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, \*  
**and fearful things at the Red Sea.**
- 23 So he would have destroyed them,  
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, \*  
**to turn away his wrath from consuming them.**

*Antiphon**Antiphon*

## THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:1–9

**M**y brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and

supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN Precious Lord, take my hand

PRECIOUS LORD

All stand and sing.

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me  
2. When my way grows— drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger  
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws—

1. stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
2. near, When my life is al - most gone;  
3. near, And the day is past and gone;

1. Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the  
2. Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I  
3. At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.  
2. fall, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.  
3. hand, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.

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## THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 22:1–14**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**O**nce more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

*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.*

God of salvation, who sent your Son to seek out and save what is lost, hear our prayers on behalf of all who are lost and in need.

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 dwell on what is true and just, remain constant in prayer, and hear what God is inviting us to do and be. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that we will have the courage and commitment to do all that we have learned, received, heard, and seen in Jesus. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For places overwhelmed by violence, especially in the Holy Land and Ukraine, that God will comfort, protect, and provide for all living in fear and danger, and that God's peace that surpasses all understanding will bring an end to armed conflict and foster greater compassion and justice. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who are shut out from the abundance of God's creation because of poverty, prejudice, illness, disability, greed, and oppression, that we, empowered by the Holy Spirit, may set a new banquet table where everyone is welcome and everyone is fed. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that they will know always that the Lord is near. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, remembering especially Donald O'Brien, that their names may be written in the book of life as they rejoice with God forever. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Lord God who sustains us, visit your people and pour out your strength and courage upon us, that we may hurry to make you welcome not only in our concern for others, but by serving them generously and faithfully in your name. **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 Rejoice in the Lord always

Anonymous, mid-sixteenth century  
Words from today's Epistle lesson

## 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.**

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,  
 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*  
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*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



*Title:* The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei

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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 Vidi aquam

Marty Wheeler Burnett (b. 1961)

Words: refers to Ezekiel 47:1

Jx Eikel & Katherine Reardon, soloists

Vidi aquam egredientem de templo, a latere dextro, Alleluia:

Et omnes ad quos pervenit aqua ista, salvi facti sunt,

Et dicent: Alleluia, Alleluia.

*I saw water flowing out of the Temple, from its right side, Alleluia:*

*And all to whom this water came were saved,*

*And they shall say: Alleluia, Alleluia.*



*Marty Wheeler Burnett is associate professor of church music at Virginia Theological Seminary and president of the Association of Anglican Musicians. She previously served as canon precentor at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, and as director of fine arts and associate professor of music at the College of Saint Mary in Omaha, Nebraska. Burnett holds bachelor and master of music degrees in organ performance from Rice University and a doctor of ministry degree with a focus in liturgical music from The University of the South.*

THE COMMUNION HYMN 316 This is the hour of banquet and of song CANTICUM REFECTIONIS  
*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 7 Christ whose glory fills the skies  
*All sing.*

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## THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Prelude in D Major, BWV 532a

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

*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:** Matteo Donnelly

**Psalterer:** Benjamin Clapp

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

**Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein

**Acolytes:** Dorian Ciscel, Jamie Baker, Eden Baker

**Ushers:** Laura Roche, Dave Grimaldi, Karen Licht, Don Polk,

John Roche, Gregg Finkell

**Healing Prayers:** Sarah Kieffer

**Livestream Director:** Elijah Clapp

**Altar Guild:** June Aziz, Carol Sonne

**Sunday School Teachers:** Taffy Wilcox, Leah Lorenzo, Margie Baker, Todd FitzGerald,

Angela Allen-Peck, Colin Gillespie

**Nursery Staff:** Nichole Segar, Lilah Lorenzo, Olivia Thaxton

**Coffee Hour Host:** Lissie Brooks

**The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Wendy F. Vance.**

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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	Lisa Burke
Rod Farrell	Nick Willke	Jon Nelson	Lucas
Hillary Lord	Marnie Mueller	Dan Minster	Carolyn Engle

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton  
Christian Dahlstrom

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Ben Flynn	Helen Douglas
Danielle Branco	Merrilee Leonhardt
Dawson Biondi	Bess Amamoo

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Dale & Christoph Stretz  
John Nowacki & Don Polk

**Those who have died:**

Donald O'Brien, *father of Peggy O'Toole, St. John's financial administrator*

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. John's, Waterbury; St. James's, West Hartford; St. John's, West Hartford; and for young adults, young adult ministries and networks, the Episcopal Service Corps, and the Young Adult Service Corps of The Episcopal Church.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya.

**The EYC (youth group) will meet tonight starting at 5 p.m.** Meet at the stone bridge in Elizabeth Park for a video scavenger hunt. Then we'll return to the church for dinner. All middle and high schoolers are welcome!

**New World Trio concert, TODAY at 2 p.m.** The New World Trio is ensemble-in-residence at Music at the Red Door, holding three concerts each year at St. John's. Join them today for an afternoon of chamber music, followed by a reception. Free admission with no tickets required; suggested donation \$20, checks payable to New World Trio.

**Online Bible study continues on Mondays at 7 p.m.** We are currently discussing the stories of Joseph in the Old Testament. You're welcome to attend all, some, or one session. No prep or homework needed. The Zoom link is included in the Thursday e-newsletter, or you may contact Margie ([margie@sjparish.net](mailto:margie@sjparish.net)) to be added to a dedicated email list to receive a reminder and link every Monday.

**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: Two sessions remain on October 22 at 9:30 a.m. and 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 at least one information session on this project. We will host two more sessions, both on October 22, at 9:30 a.m. (during the education hour) and at noon (after the 10:30 service).

**Choral Evensong, Sunday, October 22, 5 p.m.** The next Choral Evensong service features music from our own St. John's Adult Choir and Choir School. Please join us for this ancient and beautiful form of worship that includes chant, music, and prayers.

**Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 29, 4 to 5:30 p.m.** Join us in welcoming ghosts, superheroes, princesses, and other costumed friends from our community at the annual Halloween Trunk or Treat event. This is a very fun event with many ways to help:

- **Decorate your car and load up your trunk/cargo area with goodies to give out.** Or you can decorate a table (provided by the church). You are encouraged to come in costume and bring your friends and family!
- **Donate candy or other giveaways** (stickers, pencils, etc.).
- **Sign up** to help at [sjparish.net/trunkortreat](http://sjparish.net/trunkortreat).
- **Spread the word!** We have paper flyers and digital images available for you to share on your social media feeds and with families from your children's school or extracurricular activities. While many Trunk or Treaters come from the St. John's neighborhood, any and all families with children are welcome! Contact Margie at [margie@sjparish.net](mailto:margie@sjparish.net) or Ellen at [ellen@sjparish.net](mailto:ellen@sjparish.net) if you'd like flyers or digital images to share.

**Chili Cook-off and Potluck Supper, Friday, November 3 at 6 p.m.** Everyone is invited to a chili cook-off and potluck supper hosted by the stewardship committee on the evening of November 3. If you'd like to make chili, contact Matt Ciscel at [matt.ciscel@gmail.com](mailto:matt.ciscel@gmail.com). Otherwise, please bring a side, salad, or dessert to share if you are able. A movie will be available for children age 5 and older. Please join us and invite a friend!

## GRACE, GRATITUDE & GIVING

Stewardship 2023 at St. John's Church

*It's time for our annual stewardship campaign, when we ask parishioners to pledge financial support for the coming year. Each week until Commitment Sunday (November 12), we'll be answering some common questions about pledging and the pledging process in the bulletin and e-newsletter. If you have other questions, please feel free to reach out to our stewardship co-chairs, Matt Ciscel (matt.ciscel@gmail.com) and Laura Roche (ldakeroch@aol.com), or the clergy.*

### What is a pledge?

A pledge is a financial commitment that St. John's asks each person or household to make, to indicate how much money you will give over the coming year to support the church so we have the resources needed to respond to God's call for this community.

Your pledge, combined with pledges from other parishioners and other income sources, constitutes the resources St. John's has available in the coming year to spend on ministries that make a positive impact on people's lives, including worship, music, education programs for all ages, outreach, pastoral care, maintaining our building and grounds, and administration.

### Why should I pledge?

Pledges benefit both you and St. John's. When you plan ahead for your giving, you make conscious choices about spending your money in ways that reflect your faith and values. You give out of gratitude and joy in being part of this church community, and a desire to support the church's ministries.

Receiving your pledge allows our vestry to set a budget for the year ahead. We don't want to spend more money than we know we have, so we rely on parishioners to state up front how much they will give. Without a clear and realistic budget, we cannot make plans to sustain and grow programs and ministries, which limits the church's ability to meet the needs of the congregation and community.

# EVENSONG



**St. John's Choir School  
and Adult Choir**

**October 22, 5pm**

**St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford**

**MUSIC AT THE RED DOOR**

Events are also available livestreamed  
at [www.reddoormusic.org](http://www.reddoormusic.org)





# TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY, OCT. 29

4:00–5:30 PM

COME ONE, COME ALL TO A SAFE AND  
FAMILY-FRIENDLY HALLOWEEN EVENT IN  
OUR PARISH PARKING LOT!

No tricks, all treats! Dress up as your  
favorite ghoul, goblin, princess, or pirate.  
We've got carloads of candy, games, and  
fun.

**CANCELLED IN CASE OF HEAVY RAIN.**



Want to help?  
Sign up using  
the QR code.



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**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.

**New time added!**

**HVAC Project Updates**  
**Sunday 10/22 at**  
**9:30am OR noon**

# CHILI COOK-OFF & POTLUCK SUPPER

*hosted by the Stewardship Committee*

Friday, November 3, 2023

6pm



**Everyone is welcome!**

*There will be a movie available for children 5 and older.*

*Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.*

*Contact Matt Ciscel at [matt.ciscel@gmail.com](mailto:matt.ciscel@gmail.com) if you'd like to make chili for the cook-off.*

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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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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	