

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

October 8, 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



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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.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Two settings of the Chorale: Johann Gottfried Walther (1684–1748)
 Jesu meine Zuversicht BWV 728 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
 (*Jesus is my sure defense*)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus IN BABILONE
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. Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

All sit.

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalms 19

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

The musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The melody is written on the treble staff, and the accompaniment is on the bass staff. The lyrics are: "The statutes of the LORD rejoice the heart." The word "LORD" is in all caps. The melody is a simple, joyful tune.

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 **One day tells its tale to another, ***
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 **Their sound has gone out into all lands, ***
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens**
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 **The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; ***
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, ***
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 **Who can tell how often he offends? ***
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my**
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

*Antiphon**Antiphon*

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his

resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 458, vv. 1, 2, 7 My song is love unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33–46

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

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

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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 offer prayers to God for the vineyard of the Lord, and for all those in need, saying: God our Creator, 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 press on toward the goal for the prize God has prepared for us. **God our Creator, hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that we may be strengthened to produce a harvest rich in justice, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. **God our Creator, hear our prayer.**

For an end to conflict everywhere, especially in Ukraine, that the fruit of justice and compassion will bring forth a season of understanding and care for one another. **God our Creator, hear our prayer.**

For civility in public discourse, that we may see God's image in each other, learn to respond to others without hatred or bitterness, and work together with mutual respect for the dignity of every human being. **God our Creator, hear our prayer.**

For all who tend the fields and bring food to our tables, that God will protect them, and that all who benefit from their labor will strive to ensure just wages and safe working conditions. **God our Creator, hear our prayer.**

For all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that the peace of God that passes all understanding may fill their minds and hearts. **God our Creator, hear our prayer.**

For all the departed, remembering especially Molly Fowler and Earl Exum, that they may share in the abundant harvest of the kingdom of heaven. **God our Creator, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Beloved God of the vineyard, hear our prayers and enrich your church with new growth, that we may bear fruit in abundance and produce a rich harvest for eternal life. We ask this in the name of 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 The heavens are telling Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827)
Words: Christian Fürchtegott Gellert based on Psalm 14

The heavens are telling the Lord's endless glory.
Through all the earth His praise is found.
The seas re-echo the marvelous story:
O man, repeat that glorious sound!
The starry hosts He doth order and number,
He fills the morning's golden springs,
He wakes the sun from his night-curtain'd slumber;
O man, adore the King of Kings!

The heavens are His and the earth knows His favor,
His power in all things thou dost see;
The Lord of hosts who for ever and ever
Thy God and Father still shall be.

He is thy Maker whose love shall not waver,
 A God of wisdom, ever kind;
 Praise Him and love Him with all thy endeavor,
 In Him salvation shalt thou find.



This choral work by Beethoven masters the expression of religious joy through collective vocal celebration. Written in 1803 with text adapted from Christian Fürchtegott Gellert, and originally part of Beethoven's six songs for solo voice and piano, op. 48, this concise composition marvels at the beauty of nature.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

All stand and sing.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*

Music: *William Mathias (1934–1992) Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.*

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

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on
 us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.
 Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

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

Charles Wood (1866–1926)

Words: Psalm 144:15

Oculi omnium in te spirant Domine: et tu das illis escam in tempore opportune. Gloria tibi Domine. Amen.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season. Glory be to thee, O Lord. Amen.



Irish composer Charles Wood studied with Charles Villiers Stanford at the Royal College of Music in London, and he would himself become a Professor of Music there, where his pupils would include Ralph Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells. Wood is chiefly remembered for his Anglican church music, but his earlier years brought a number of choral works. He also left half a dozen string quartets, part-songs, solo songs and a series of organ preludes.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 313 *Let thy blood in mercy poured*

JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT

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 546 *Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve*

SIROË

All sing.

THE DISMISSAL

*The Minister dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*THE VOLUNTARY *Gelobt seist du, Jesu Christ, BWV 121*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

(Praise be to you, Jesus Christ)

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 Margie Baker**Preacher:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Sarah Kieffer**Psalterer:** Lad Pfeifer**The St. John's Adult Choir****Guest Organist and Choirmaster:** Douglas Johnson**Acolytes:** Dorian Ciscel, Jayden Donnelly, Mason Donnelly**Ushers:** Kenneth Cortavarria, Steve Crocker, Julia O'Brien**Healing Prayers:** Karen Licht**Livestream Director:** Mary Honyotski**Altar Guild:** Buffy Ineson, Barbara Roos**Sunday School Teachers:** Ginger Gillespie, Margie Baker, Todd FitzGerald**Nursery Staff:** Sheryl Simoni, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

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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	Dan Minster	Lucas
Carolyn Engle			

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton
Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Janet Babbitt	Nathan Kilelee
Bob Connolly	Christine Babbitt
Susan Murphy Thaxton	Ned Byrd
John Nowacki	Emma Goetz

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Joe Duffy & Carolyn Callahan

Those who have died:

Molly Fowler, *member of St. John's*

Earl Exum, *esteemed member of the West Hartford community and husband of Tammy Exum (member of the CT House of Representatives from West Hartford)*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. John's, Vernon; St. Paul's, Wallingford; St. John's, Washington; and for the ECCT convention planning committee and convention worship committee.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Important Info re: St. John's Online Parish Directory



As we fine-tune the online parish directory available through Realm (our church member management software), **you may receive an automated email informing you of a "Privacy Change"** made to your record in Realm. This is because Ellen in the parish office is adjusting Realm settings to ensure that all members are included in the password-protected online directory, which is only available to other church members with approved login credentials via our St. John's Realm web site (onrealm.org/sjparish) or the Realm Connect smartphone app. **If you do not want to be included in the online directory, please contact Ellen in the parish office ASAP.**

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

The parish office will be closed tomorrow, October 9, for the Indigenous People's Day holiday.

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) 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 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).

Help a Simsbury mom furnish a new home for her family via Journey Home. We've received most items on the family's wish list, but still need a **small couch** and a **dresser**. In addition, anyone who would like to help with delivering items to Simsbury is invited to meet up at St. John's this Saturday, October 7, at 8:30 a.m. Contact Mary Honyotski at maryhonyotski@gmail.com if you have items to donate, can help with delivery, or have questions.

October online book club meeting, this Tuesday, October 10, 7 p.m. At the October meeting of the St. John's online book club, we will discuss *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis. Book club meetings are in Zoom, with the link provided in the e-news. At the November 7 meeting, we will discuss *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks. All are welcome to attend any book club discussion.

The Christmas Festival is coming up on December 2: Here are two ways you can help starting now!

Annabel Clapp (Christmas Festival chair) is looking for one or more people to chair the **Chic Boutique** sales area, where we resell gently used, quality jewelry and accessories (scarves, bags, hats, belts, neckties, etc.). Chairing this area involves some work ahead of time to sort, price, and display the items for sale, and staffing the Chic Boutique on the day of the festival (with the help of additional volunteers). We are also recruiting **people to make large batches of soup**, to be served in the Festival Café and sold in quarts to take home. **To help with the Chic Boutique**, contact Annabel by email at annabeltrickett@yahoo.com or by text at 860-808-6775. (Note that we are not accepting donated items for the Chic Boutique until we have a chairperson in place.) **To help with soup making**, contact Laura Roche at ldakeroche@aol.com or 860-874-5335.

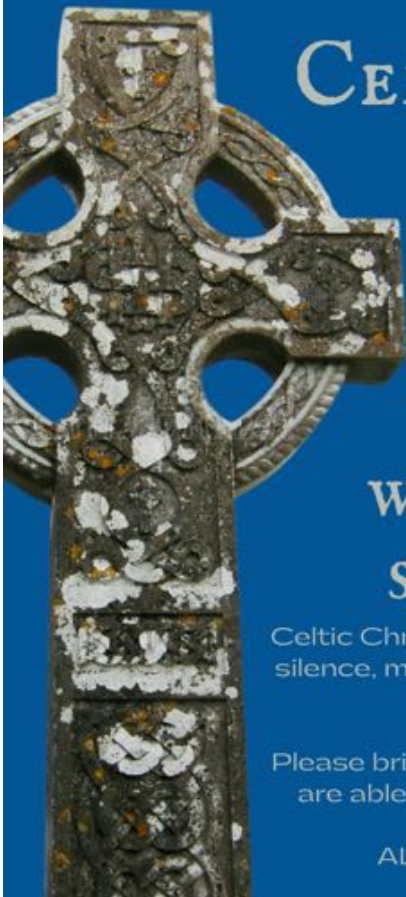
New World Trio concert, Sunday, October 15, 2 p.m. The New World Trio is ensemble-in-residence at Music at the Red Door, holding three concerts each year at St. John's. Join them on October 15 for an afternoon of chamber music, followed by a reception. Free admission with no tickets required; suggested donation \$20, checks payable to New World Trio.

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.
- **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 or Ellen at ellen@sjparish.net if you'd like flyers or digital images to share.

How to donate stock to St. John's. If you wish to pay your pledge or make a financial gift to St. John's by donating stock, please contact our financial administrator, Peggy O'Toole, to let her know your stock donation plans. When we receive stock donations, we do not receive the donor's name, so if you want your donation to be credited on your giving/pledge history, it's vital that you connect with Peggy; otherwise, we will label the stock gift as anonymous.



CELTIC WORSHIP

at St. John's

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

5:00 PM

WITH POTLUCK SUPPER AFTER

Celtic Christian worship incorporates prayer, silence, music, and Holy Eucharist to nourish body, mind, and spirit.

Please bring something for the potluck if you are able (and come anyway if you're not!).

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!



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

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



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 ghou, 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.



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

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Chic Boutique 2023

Chairperson/people needed!



What we need: One or two people to coordinate this sales area – sort, price, and display items before the festival, and help staff the boutique at the festival (December 2, 2023) with the help of additional volunteers.

What it is: The Chic Boutique is a popular sales area at the annual Christmas Festival fundraiser, at which we resell gently used fashion accessories: jewelry, scarves, handbags, belts, neckties, hats, etc.



To volunteer or for more info:

Annabel Clapp, annabeltrickett@yahoo.com or 860-808-6775

Soup makers needed!

For this year's Christmas Festival (12.2.2023), we need volunteers to cook large batches of soup to be served at the Festival Café and sold in quarts to take home.

- We provide the recipe (choose Turkey Chili, Clam Chowder, or Smoky Tomato).
- We provide quart containers. The recipes make about 10 quarts. You may make one batch or several.
- The church kitchen and large soup pots are available for cooks to use. Please contact the office to reserve a time, or arrange to borrow a soup pot to cook at home.
- This is a fun activity to do as a family or with a group of friends.
- Soup can be made ahead and stored in quart containers in the church freezer.

TO SIGN UP, CONTACT LAURA ROCHE AT
LDAKEROCHE@AOL.COM OR (860) 874-5335

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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.

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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