

St. John's Episcopal Church

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Christ the King

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

November 26, 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. 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 Prelude in F Eric Thiman (1900-1975)
 Prelude on *Deep River* Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)



Adolphus Hailstork is an American composer and educator who grew up in Albany, New York, where he studied violin, piano, organ, and voice. As a child, he joined the choir of the Episcopal cathedral, and from this experience, he developed an interest in vocal melodic writing that asserts itself in his choral works and art songs. Hailstork's works blend musical ideas from both the African-American and European traditions.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 435 At the name of Jesus KING'S WESTON
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, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

All sit.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 100

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

Be **joy - ful** in the **LORD**, **all** you lands.

- 1 **Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;***
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

2 **Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 **For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:15–23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

IN BABILONE

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31–46

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

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was

a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

All sit.

The Reverend Margie Baker

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 for all in need through our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose power we put our faith and hope, saying: Hear us, O Holy One.

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 will know the peace and unity of Christ's all-encompassing love. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For this parish family, that Christ's example of service and humility will move us beyond faithful attendance into prayerful witness and righteous action. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For the nations of the world, especially for the Holy Land, Ukraine, Sudan, and all places threatened by war and violence, and their leaders will be moved to act with wisdom, compassion, and justice for the good of all people. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For those who are hungry or homeless, for refugees and immigrants, and for those in prison, that they will receive sustenance, help, and hope through the loving acts of those who see in them the face of Christ. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our parish prayer list, that they will know the healing grace of Christ. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For all the departed, that they may be lifted into the eternal splendor of new life in heaven. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

Celebrant Holy God, look upon your people as we rejoice in your justice and mercy, and grant that the prayers we make may reveal Christ's reign in our time. We ask this through Jesus Christ, in whose glorious name and loving power we put our trust. **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

All stand.

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 Christ is our cornerstone

Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

Text: translated from the Latin by J. Chandler

Christ is our cornerstone, on him alone we build; with his true saints alone
The courts of heaven are filled; on his great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.

Here, gracious God, do thou forevermore draw nigh; accept each faithful vow,
And mark each suppliant sigh; in copious shower on all who pray, each holy day, thy blessings pour.

O then with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring; our voices we will raise
The three in one to sing; and thus proclaim in joyful song both loud and long, that glorious name.

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

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 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
Music: Gerard R. Near (b. 1942) Copyright © 1985 Aureole Editions, Dallas, Texas.

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 ANTHEM Set me as a seal

René Clausen (b. 1953)

Text from Song of Solomon, 8:6a; 8:7a

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love;
neither can the floods drown it.

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.



After the loss of his child, René Clausen wrote about this piece: "Normally, when I am asked about the 'inspiration' process, I laugh and deny inspiration in favor of work and effort. In this case, however, I just sat down and wrote the piece. I don't know what is wrapped up inside these few, simple notes. I can say actually very little about the piece. Whenever I return to it, however, I am struck by the phrase "for love is strong as death," because when I wrote it my actual feeling was "for love is stronger than death"; abiding, all-encompassing love absorbs even the pain of death. If the piece is about anything, it is about the simple but powerful conviction of permanent love that seeks to overflow the boundary between life and death. I can't imagine a choir singing it without open hearts."

THE COMMUNION HYMN 609 Where cross the crowded ways of life

GARDINER

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 494 Crown him with many crowns

DIADEMATA

All sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Flourish in G (2018)

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

*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.*

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Preacher: The Reverend Margie Baker

Layreader: Jyothsna Diaz

The St. John's Adult Choir

Organist and Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Acolytes: Jamie Baker, Mason Donnelly, Danielle Branco

Ushers: Annabel Clapp, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Donielle Joslyn

Healing Prayers: Sarah Kieffer

Livestream Director: Ray Giolitto

Altar Guild: Kate Eikel, Barbara Roos

Nursery Staff: Nichole Segar, Morgan Babbitt, Olivia Thaxton

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	Wendy
Janet Ray	Sue	Anita Winters	Bob Norton
Brad Babbitt	Whitney Lynch	Alison Gillespie	Joseph
Paul L. Peck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Joyce Flynn	Sarah Carroll
Virginia Skeeel	Gina Giusto	Rachel Boccio	Greg Highland
Grant Loevenbruck	The Yelland family	Joan Ackley	Rachel
John & Barbara Spannaus	Harry Barber	Guy Russo	Lucas
Jennifer Bleau	Doug Larson	Harriet Odlum	Amy Bittinger
Tori	Dennis Simoni	Joan Warner	William Bittinger
Deborah	Brenda	Jon Nelson	Emmy Aziz
Hale Walkoff	Nick Willke	G.F.	Ben Mabrey
Rod Farrell	Marnie Mueller	Ned	Mike
Hillary Lord	Dominic Howell	Louis Nuechterlein	Kimberly Ward

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton
Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Sandy Pond	Alice Yelland	Todd FitzGerald
Eleanor Taylor	Jane Harris	Rich Flinchbaugh
Jack Patten	Allison Tichy	Wesley Goetz

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Pat & Alex Vance

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Paul's, Woodbury; Grace Church, Yantic; and for annual parish meetings, committees, staff, and volunteers who oversee and maintain buildings and grounds.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of Nigeria.

Annual Christmas gift card collection for families in need: **Deadline tomorrow!** We are once again collecting **gift cards in \$10 to \$50 denominations** to be distributed to families participating in Hartford Healthcare's Stronger Families/Stronger Futures program. The parents/caregivers appreciate being able to choose gifts, toys, clothing, and food that will make their family Christmas celebrations special. Please put gift cards in an envelope marked "Gift cards for families" and drop them off at the parish office or put them in the offering plate. **The deadline for donating gift cards is Monday, November 27.** We also welcome cash or check donations (with the purpose clearly noted), with which we will purchase cards. Questions? Contact Beth Kauczka at bkauczka@gmail.com.

New online Bible study series on Advent prophecies, starting tomorrow night at 7 p.m. The weekly online resumes November 27 through December 18 with a series on Old Testament Advent prophecies. All are welcome to attend one, several, or all sessions, which are held in Zoom. The Zoom link is included in the Thursday e-newsletter, or you may email Margie at margie@sjparish.net to be added to a special mailing list to receive a reminder email with the link every Monday.

Wreath decorating night, Thursday, November 30, 6:30 p.m. All parish adults are welcome to join in this festive annual tradition to make wreaths to sell at the Christmas Festival. We provide wreaths and some materials. If you're able, please bring scissors, pruning shears, hot glue guns, new or gently used decorations (ribbon, small ornaments, faux berries/flowers/greenery, etc.), and a snack or beverage to share. If you're not able to attend but have decorations to donate, please drop them off at the parish office by Thursday afternoon.

St. John's Christmas Festival, Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We're especially looking for more people to sign up to help on the day of the festival by doing set-up and clean-up, serving as cashiers, and staffing the sales tables. **Please sign up for an hour or more at sjparish.net/christmasfestivalhelp**

Questions? Contact the Christmas Festival coordinator **Annabel Clapp** by email at annabeltrickett@yahoo.com or by text 860-808-6775.

St. John's 2024 Christmas ornament for sale, \$20 each. This year's ornament, featuring a photo by David McCary of our stained-glass window depicting Mary and the infant Jesus, will be sold at the Christmas Festival, after 10:30 services in December, and at Lessons & Carols on December 10 — while supplies last! We have a limited number of these keepsakes, which also make lovely gifts, so plan to get yours soon. Contact Annabel Clapp with questions.




Pipes Alive! with Mary Pan, Sunday, December 3, 12:30 p.m. The Pipes Alive! series continues with organist Mary Pan playing the St. John's organ. This event will be presented in person and by livestream. Mary Pan is an organist, pianist, and choral director based in Rochester, New York. A native of Connecticut, she is a graduate of the Hartt School of Music and Yale Institute of Sacred Music. Free admission, with donations gratefully received.

Candlelight Festival of Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 10, 3 p.m. It's an Advent favorite for a reason! Take a break from the holiday hubbub and prepare your soul for the Christmas miracle with this beautiful program of carols for choir and organ, in the tradition of King's College, Cambridge. This beloved event will fill the church, so arrive early to get a good seat. This event will be presented in person and by livestream, and will feature the St. John's Choir School and Adult Choir; Scott Lamlein, choirmaster; Floyd Higgins, organist. A reception will follow in Hubbard Hall. Free admission, with donations gratefully received.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ by coming to any of our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. On Christmas Eve, services are at 4 p.m. (featuring the St. John's Choir School, with music starting at 3:45 p.m.) and 10 p.m. (featuring the St. John's Adult Choir and a string quartet, with music starting at 9:30 p.m. — *note that the starting time is one hour earlier than in previous years*). On Christmas Day, there is one service at 10 a.m. with a sermon and carols. **Note: Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve both fall on Sundays this year, and we will have regular Sunday morning services on both days. On Christmas Eve, we will have one Sunday morning service at 10:30 a.m. (no 8 a.m. service), and on New Year's Eve, we will have both Sunday morning services (at 8 and 10:30 a.m.)**

Deadline for year-end giving. For gifts and pledge payments to be included on your 2023 year-end giving statement for tax purposes, they must be received in the parish office by **Tuesday, December 26**, whether you are paying by check, cash, or online via credit card or bank withdrawal. Contributions received after that date may not be deposited and posted in time to be included on your 2023 statement, even if in payment of a 2023 pledge. Thank you!



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FAMILIES

St. John's will once again support Hartford Healthcare's Stronger Families/Stronger Futures program by providing gift cards to families who participate in this program. The parents/caregivers appreciate being able to choose toys, clothes, and food that will make their families' Christmas special. We're collecting **gift cards valued at \$10 to \$50** from the following types of stores:

- Toys and clothing (Walmart, Target, Big Lots, Burlington, Kohl's, Marshall's, TJ Maxx, Savers, The Children's Place)
- Groceries (Shop Rite, Price Chopper, Stop & Shop, Aldi, Price Rite)
- Restaurants (Olive Garden, McDonald's, Chuck E. Cheese)

DEADLINE: MONDAY 11/27

Please put cards in an envelope marked "Gift Cards for Families" and drop off at the church office or in the offering plate.

Questions? Contact Beth Kauczka, bkauczka@gmail.com



This list includes pledges received as of Monday, November 20.
The names of *new pledgers* are in italics.

Angela Allen-Peck & Caleb Peck, June & Emmy Aziz, Janet & Brad Babbitt, Mary & Bob Bainbridge, Margie & Jenn Baker, Eleanor & Jack Barnes, Wendy & Richard Bartlett, Shirley Blean, Rachel Boccio, Lissie & Lynn Brooks, Jo Anne Burgh, Kim & Chris Byrd, *Robert Caldwell*, *Keitha & Kevin Campo*, Lindsey & Stuart Carlisle, Betsy & Greg Chicares, Alina & Matt Ciscel, Elijah Clapp & Annabel Trickett-Clapp, Kate Coley, Molly Cooper, Steve Crocker & Rosa Guzzo, *David Dangremond*, Carol Davis, Vijaya Jyothsna & Carlos Diaz, Pam Dimock, Martin Dodd, Susan Donaldson, *Jayden Donnelly*, *Mason Donnelly*, Matteo & Marcos Donnelly, Joe Duffy, Linda Dunakin, Hope & Bill Eakins, Nancy Eaton, Bobby Eikel, Kate & Robert Eikel, Virginia Eikel, Karan & Geoff Emerick *Susan Fay & Craig Ahmer*, Amy & Todd FitzGerald, Ginny & Rich Flinchbaugh, Ellen & Ben Flynn, Danielle Foint, Ginger & Colin Gillespie, *Margaret & Mark Goad*, Emma & Jerry Goetz, Tim Goetz, Anne & Craig Grant, David Grimaldi, *Nicole Douillet & Liana Guzman*, Ann Hanlon, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Anne Harney, Jane Harris, Susan Harrison & Thomas Cloherty, Susie & Ross Hatch, Patricia & Ronald Hensley, Jenn & Ryan Hill, *Mary & Ryan Honyotski*, Buffy & John Ineson, Richard Jacques, Dianne Jones, Beth & John Kauczka, Martha Kayser, Mary Jo & Bert Keating, Sarah Kieffer, *Jeffrey Kinney & Rebecca Bourret*, Betty Knorr, Richard Lammlin, Wendy & Tom Lincoln, Bill Lockery, Ben Mabrey & Michael Michaud, Lisa & Mike Mahoney, Liz & Andy Marchion, Lauren Mascola & John Swift, Bill McBride, Tina & David McCary, Patrick Miller, Marnie Mueller, Leah & Stewart Murchie, Enid & Tom Oberholtzer, Julia & Jim O'Brien, Nancy Pedersen, Ginny & Mark Proft, Christa Rakich & Janis Milroy, *Bill & Deborah Reardon*, Katie & Patrick Reardon, Hal Rives & Marki Ware, Laura & John Roche, Barbara & Pieter Roos, Mary Russell, *Jo-Ann Sadosky*, Kelsey & Stacey Samuel Bannon, *Susie & Mark Sarkisian*, Judy Schaffer, Jim Sharp, Mary & Spencer Sloan, Margaret & William Smith, Carol & Charles Sonne, Dale & Christoph Stretz, Bowie Thomas, Margaret Thomas, Audrey Walker, Lyn Walker, *Audrey Weber & Kyle Baker*, Erica & George Weinstock, Jackie & Michael Wells, Ted Whittemore, Taffy Wilcox, John Wilcox & Virginia Van Dyk, Maggie & Sherwood Willard, Jeanne & Dennis Winkleblack, Wes Winterbottom, Brenda Zanta



WREATH
DECORATING
NIGHT

NOVEMBER 30
6:30 PM
HUBBARD HALL

All adults welcome!

If you're able, please bring:

**hot glue gun, shears,
beverages/snacks to share.**

**We also need new or gently used
decor (ribbon, small ornaments,
faux berries/greenery, etc.), which
you may bring with you or drop off
at the office.**

St. John's Monday Night Bible Study

ADVENT PROPHECIES

**Monday evenings at 7 in Zoom
November 27-December 18**

In Advent, we prepare to celebrate the Incarnation while looking to Christ's eventual return. According to St. Bernard, we also honor a third Advent, the coming of Christ into our hearts. Hear the good news of great joy as shared in Isaiah, Micah, and Jeremiah.

As always, no preparation, homework, or easy answers. Come to one or all sessions. Questions?
Email margie@sjparish.net

ST. JOHN'S

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
10AM TO 2PM

CHOOSE A UNIQUELY DECORATED EVERGREEN WREATH FOR YOUR FRONT DOOR

BROWSE HANDMADE CRAFTS FOR THOSE ON YOUR GIFT LIST

ENJOY A BOWL OF SOUP AND GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH AT THE FESTIVAL CAFÉ

TAKE HOME A QUART (OR TWO) OF HOMEMADE SOUP FOR AN EASY WEEKNIGHT DINNER

SING ALONG TO BELOVED CAROLS WITH THE ST. JOHN'S CHOIR

PICK UP A 2024 ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

TRY YOUR LUCK AT WINNING ONE OF FIVE RAFFLE BASKETS FULL OF GOODIES

☆ BRING A FRIEND! ☆

PIPES ALIVE!



Mary Pan

December 3, 12:30pm
St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford

MUSIC AT THE RED DOOR 
 Events are also available livestreamed
 at www.reddoormusic.org

Presented by Music at the Red Door

CANDLELIGHT FESTIVAL OF

Nine Lessons and Carols



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



Sunday, December 10, 2023
3:00pm

The Edward C. & Adele T. ROBERTS FOUNDATION

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Music at the Red Door
 St. John's Episcopal Church
 679 Farmington Ave
 West Hartford, CT 06119
RedDoorMusic.org





WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S THIS CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE

4 PM HOLY EUCHARIST WITH THE ST. JOHN'S CHOIR SCHOOL
 MUSICAL PRELUDE AT 3:45 P.M. - CHILD CARE AVAILABLE

10 PM HOLY EUCHARIST WITH THE ST. JOHN'S ADULT CHOIR & STRINGS
 MUSICAL PRELUDE AT 9:30 P.M.

CHRISTMAS DAY

10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HYMNS

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE FOR 12/24 & 12/31

SUNDAY 12/24:
 10:30 SERVICE ONLY (NO 8AM SERVICE)
 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, ADULT ED, OR NURSERY CARE

SUNDAY 12/31
 SERVICES AT 8 AND 10:30AM (WITH BAPTISM AT 10:30)
 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, ADULT ED, OR NURSERY CARE

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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

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Ginger Gillespie.....	<i>Warden</i>
Stewart Murchie	<i>Warden</i>
Anne Harney and David McCary.....	<i>Co-Treasurers</i>

2021–23: Annabel Clapp, Robert Eikel, Julia O'Brien

2022–24: Lissie Brooks, Marcos Donnelly, Rosa Guzzo, Mary Honyotski

2023–25: Angela Allen-Peck, Eleanor Barnes, John Nowacki, Tom Oberholtzer