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The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II & THE BAPTISM OF

Francisco Nelson Cortavarria

January 14, 2024

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 located in the Education Wing is open on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; parents/caregivers are welcome to drop off children in the nursery for part or all of the service. The Education Wing and nursery also have changing tables and seating that parents/caregivers may use as needed.

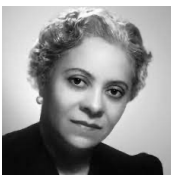
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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Air from Suite for Organ*

Florence Price (1887–1953)



Florence Price was an American classical composer, pianist, organist and music teacher. Price was educated at the New England Conservatory of Music, and was active in Chicago from 1927 until her death in 1953. Price is noted as the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer, and the first to have a composition played by a major orchestra. Price composed over 300 works. In 2009, a substantial collection of her works and papers was found in her abandoned summer home.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 535 *Ye servant of God, your Master proclaim*
All stand and sing.

PADERBORN

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1–10

All sit.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

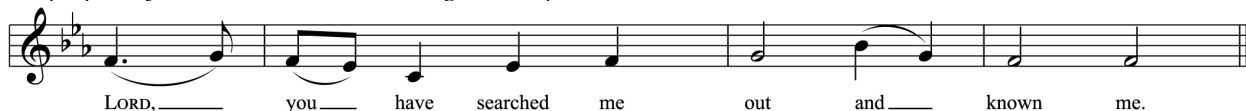
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 139:1–5, 12–17

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



- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
**while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.**
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
**they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.**
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours. *Antiphon*

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 6:12–20

All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 371 Thou, whose almighty word

MOSCOW

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

John 1:43–51

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

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

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

All sit.

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The Priest says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present Francisco Nelson to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Priest Will you be responsible for seeing that he is being brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you by your prayers and witness help him to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the Priest asks the following questions of the parents and godparents, who speak on behalf of the child.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Priest addresses the Congregation saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Priest Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

All stand.

- Priest* Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
- Priest* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
- Priest* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**
- Priest* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?
People **I will, with God's help.**

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

- Leader* Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
 Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Open his heart to your grace and truth.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Send him into the world in witness to your love.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Priest says to the candidate

Francisco Nelson, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the candidate's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying
You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

All **Amen.**

Priest Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

All **Amen.**

Priest Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

THE BAPTISM HYMN Child of blessing, child of promise

STUTTGART

All sing as the baptismal party returns to their seats.

1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap - tized with the Spir - it's sign;
 2 Child of love, our love's ex - pres-sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in - deed!
 3 Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you are, from God you came.
 4 Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.

With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
 Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
 Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
 Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

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 MUSIC Precious Lord, take my hand

George Allen (1812–1877)

arr. Roy Ringwald (1910–1995)

Text by Thomas A. Dorsey,

adapted by Joyce Merman following the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Katherine Reardon, soloist

Precious Lord, take my hand,
 Bring me home through the night,
 Through the dark, through the storm, to thy light.
 I have been to the mount, I have seen the promised land,
 Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand,
 Bring thy child home at last,
 Where the strife and the pain are all past:
 I have dreamed a great dream that thy love shall rule our land,
 Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand,
 Take thy child unto Thee,
 With my dream of a world that is free;

For that day when all flesh joins the glory thou hast planned,
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.



Choir leaders everywhere rated Roy Ringwald as one of the most accomplished arrangers of our time. He joined Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians as a singer and arranger in 1935, including arranging Julia Ward Howe's The Battle Hymn of the Republic, which was performed by the Pennsylvanians on radio June 22, 1943. By 1962, one million copies of Ringwald's arrangement had been sold. His music studies were limited to the elementary courses he received in parochial and public schools. Thereafter, he studied on his own. Following high school, he went directly into a professional career as performer and arranger, organizing his own professionally successful groups. He continued to write music until his death.

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: from *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).
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All remain standing or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power,
 and the glory
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

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, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, God's people, come receive Christ's heavenly food.

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 They cast their nets

arr. Michael McCabe (b. 1941)

Text: William Alexander Percy (1885–1942)

They cast their nets in Galilee
Just off the hills of brown
Such happy simple fisherfolk
Before the Lord came down

Contented peaceful fishermen
Before they ever knew
The peace of God That fill'd their hearts
Brimful and broke them too.

Young John who trimmed the flapping sail,
Homeless, in Patmos died.
Peter, who hauled the teeming net,
Head-down was crucified.

The peace of God, it is no peace,
But strife closed in the sod,
Yet, brothers, pray for but one thing—
The marvelous peace of God.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 325 Let us break bread together on our knees

LET US BREAK BREAD

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

RATISBON

All sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Toccato from Suite for Organ

Florence Price

*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 Margie Baker

Preacher: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Matteo Donnelly

The St. John's Adult Choir

Organist and Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Acolytes: Bradley Crocker, Danielle Branco, Dorian Ciscel

Ushers: Matt Ciscel, Ellen Flynn, Erica Weinstock, Wes Winterbottom

Healing Prayers: Wes Winterbottom

Livestream Director: Francis Lamlein

Altar Guild: Barbara Roos, Brenda Zanta

Sunday School Teachers: Jenn Baker, Margie Baker

Nursery Staff: Sheryl Simoni, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

Poinsettias for Homebound Parishioners

We'd like to share the beautiful poinsettias that have adorned the church for Christmas with some of our parishioners who can no longer get to church regularly. Please stop by Hubbard Hall after the service to pick up a card with the name and address of one of these parishioners, and drop off the card and a poinsettia after church today, or at your convenience over the next day or two. Thank you!

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 Skeelee	Gina Giusto	Rachel Boccio	Greg Highland
Grant Loevenbruck	The Yelland family	Joan Ackley	Rachel
John & Barbara Spannaus	Harry Barber	Guy Russo	Lucas
Jennifer Blean	Doug Larson	Jon Nelson	Amy Bittinger
Tori	Dennis Simoni	G.F.	William Bittinger
Deborah	Brenda	Ned	Emmy Aziz
Hale Walkoff	Nick Willke	Louis Nuechterlein	Ben Mabrey
Rod Farrell	Toby & Manny Aguiar	Kimberly Ward	Mike
Hillary Lord	Jeff Lewis	Craig W.	Dan Minster
Madeline	Miranda	Ryan W.	

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton
Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Caleb Peck	Giselle Genece	Eloise Rosen	Aidan Wrubleski
Liz Marchion	Sophie Hart	James Reardon	Dan Minster
Sam Verney	Lauren Mascola	Brynn Cullen	

We rejoice with Donielle and Rick Joslyn on the birth of their daughter, Margaret Valerie, on December 31.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. James', Danbury; Saint Luke's, Darien; St. Paul's, Darien; Immanuel St. James, Derby; and for those who have been affected by and who have died from COVID-19, their families and friends, healthcare workers, and frontline workers.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia.

Vestry Nominees for 2024

Below is the slate of nominees to be presented for election at the Annual Meeting on January 28, 2024, at 9 a.m. Bios and photos are provided for first-time nominees for a particular position. If you would like more information about any of the nominees up for re-election, please contact Ellen in the parish office.

Nominated as co-wardens (one-year term; can serve up to three consecutive terms)



Eleanor Barnes (nominated for her first one-year term) — Eleanor and her family have been members of St. John's since they moved to West Hartford more than 25 years ago. Involvement at St. John's has been important to Eleanor and Jack as well as their two children, Marshall and Cricket. Eleanor has served on the Outreach Committee and as a Sunday School teacher, Rite 13 leader, stewardship co-chair, vestry member, and usher. She looks forward to serving our parish community in this important way, especially to listen and learn what current opportunities and challenges we face. Eleanor grew up in the Episcopal Church (St. Paul's) in Richmond, VA. She graduated from Washington & Lee University and began her career at CNN Business News in New York City. She also earned her M.B.A. in NYC at Columbia University. After taking a few years off to raise her children, Eleanor re-entered the workforce in 2007 with a focus on fundraising for nonprofits, including The Ethel Walker School and the Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts. In 2014, she joined her husband, Jack, working as a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley. In 2020, Eleanor earned her Certified Financial Planner™ (CFP®) designation. She enjoys skiing, hiking, swimming, gardening, reading, and time with family, friends, and her two Golden Retrievers!

Stewart Murchie (nominated for his second one-year term)

Nominated as co-treasurers (one-year term; can serve up to three consecutive terms)

Anne Harney (nominated for her third one-year term)

David McCary (nominated for his second one-year term)

Nominated for a three-year term on the vestry



Ginger Gillespie — After serving a one-year term as co-warden, Ginger is nominated to continue serving the parish as a member of the 2024 vestry class. Raised as an Episcopalian and member of a few parishes before moving to West Hartford, she and her husband joined St. John's more than 20 years ago. At St. John's, she has enjoyed serving with fellow parishioners in a collection of committees and programs that support our church. At this time, she teaches Sunday school, offers healing prayers, and shares responsibility for counting and depositing the weekly offering. In the past Ginger has chaired the Christmas Festival and Parish Life committees, was the secretary of the rector's search committee, and participated in the women's group and friendly callers group. In our parish missions outside the walls of St. John's, she has contributed as a monthly volunteer serving at Loaves and Fishes, worked to support our ministry with Journey Home, and visited with fellow parishioners. She is married to Colin Gillespie, a former warden and vestry member, and mother of Cat and Ford Gillespie, who were baptized at St. John's and have participated as choristers, acolytes, and youth group members. Professionally, she works for West Hartford Public Schools at Hall High School as a tutor. She is looking forward to this opportunity to serve and work with and for our clergy, staff, congregation, community, and mission.

Lauren Mascola — Lauren and her family have been members at St. John's since 2012. She is honored to be nominated for a vestry position. Lauren is an "8 o'clocker" and has been a layreader for the last two years. She and her husband have enjoyed volunteering for the Spring Fling and Christmas Festival fundraisers as well as assisting on sandwich-making Sundays. Lauren was also the most recent guest at St. John's Faith@Work adult education series, where she discussed how her faith has influenced her career as a veterinarian. Lauren has practiced veterinary medicine for 27 years and has been the owner of Petcare Veterinary Services in West Hartford since 2004, after relocating from Jamestown, RI. Previously, she practiced at Newport Animal Hospital. While in Jamestown,



her family were members at St. James Episcopal Church, where she also served on the vestry as the clerk for five years. Professionally, Lauren serves as an Advisory Board Member of Our Companions Animal Rescue and sits on the CT Board of Veterinary Medicine. In her free time, Lauren is a “hockey mom” who travels frequently to cheer on her three sons. She is also a proud member of The Best Running Group and enjoys practicing yoga. Lauren looks forward to serving St. John’s in her new capacity as a vestry member.



Linda Schatz — Linda has been a parishioner at St. John’s for the last couple of years, returning to the “home” where her parents married and she was baptized. She is honored to be considered as a nominee for the vestry. Born in Hartford, Linda grew up in Trumbull and attended the University of Connecticut, obtaining a degree in business administration/finance with a minor in Spanish. Linda started her career in accounting before moving into the insurance sector, where she currently works at The Hartford as a director of process and governance to create efficient and effective workstreams across the organization. Linda has two adult children, Caroline and Casey, and a three-year-old Irish Terrier dog, Oliver. She is also a certified yoga instructor. At St. John’s, she has volunteered as a layreader and served on the committee formed in 2023 to consider options for financing the replacement of St. John’s HVAC system.

Brenda Zanta — Brenda was baptized and attended St Mark’s Episcopal Chapel in Storrs, CT as a young girl, serving as an acolyte and an active member of the youth group. She started attending St John’s in 2019 and immediately felt right at home. She soon joined the Altar Guild and enjoys being a part of this important mission. Brenda spent her career working in higher education



administration, including as the registrar at the University of St. Joseph for several years, and as a functional analyst for the community college system under the Board of Regents for many years. Brenda has lived in West Hartford for more than 20 years and, along with her husband Mike, raised her son Joseph, stepson Sam, and stepdaughter Lily here. She enjoys cooking and gardening (she is known for her green thumb!) and spending time with her dog Daisy. Brenda is honored to be nominated to serve on the vestry and to continue to help the church in any way she can.

Pipes Alive! featuring Kyle Swann, TODAY at 12:30 p.m. The first Pipes Alive! organ concert of 2024 was rescheduled from last Sunday. Organist Kyle Swann has played with numerous orchestras and opera companies around the world, and has worked with the Connecticut Opera and the Yale School of Music. Free admission, with donations gratefully accepted.

Celtic worship, Sunday, TODAY at 5 p.m. Celtic worship, held in Hubbard Hall, is somewhat less formal than Sunday morning worship, and includes music, prayer, silence, and chant. All ages are welcome. Afterward, all are invited to stay for a potluck supper. Celtic worship is at 5 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month, October through May (with no service in December).

Service commemorating the 175th anniversary of the abolition of slavery in Connecticut, Sunday, TODAY at 3 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral. This service will be a liturgical observation at Christ Church Cathedral that creates sacred space and allows us to reflect on the sins of our past and the ways in which our faith calls us to seek justice, reconciliation, and repair. As we commemorate the abolition of slavery in our state, we cannot ignore the fact that our forebears were complicit in a system that perpetuated grave injustice and suffering. It is a moment for us to repent and to recommit ourselves to the Gospel call of love, justice, and equality.

St. John's Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 28, 9 a.m. At the Annual Meeting, we elect vestry members for the coming year, reflect on the year just past, and look ahead to the new year. All adults and teens 16+ are strongly encouraged to attend. Child care will be provided for younger children. A light potluck breakfast will be served, and the meeting will end in time for the 10:30 service. To sign up to bring food, please go sjparish.net/annualmeeting.

St. John's Book Club, first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. (online). The St. John's online book club will reconvene on February 1 at 7 p.m. in Zoom to discuss *Til We Have Faces* by C.S. Lewis. Future meetings will discuss *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant (March 7) and *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry (April 4), which will be an intergenerational discussion, with middle and high school students welcome to participate along with adults. We will send a dedicated e-newsletter on those dates with the Zoom link.

PIPES ALIVE!



Kyle Swann

January 14, 12:30pm

St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford

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





CELTIC WORSHIP

at St. John's

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

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!

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Sunday, January 28
9 to 10:15 a.m.
in Hubbard Hall

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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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