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The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

January 21, 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

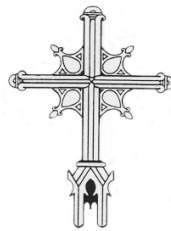


Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

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.

Cover art: Great Light by Mike Moyers, based on Isaiah 9



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY By and By
 Come Sunday
 This Little Light of Mine

Hot Cat Jazz Band

By now you have noticed that things are a little different this morning! Our music today is led by the Hot Cat Jazz Band, a local band that specializes in jazz worship; they do many of these services throughout Connecticut every year. This service is a time for you to tap your toes, move about, and sing praise with freedom and joy.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION Shall we gather at the river

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

All stand and sing.

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; ___
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, ___
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; ___
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, ___

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?
 2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.
 3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.
 4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

Words and music:

Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

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 for ever. 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

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.

Title: Cantic 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Jonah 3:1–5, 10**All sit.*

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 62:6–14

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

- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.
- 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- 9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 7:29–31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN Swing low, sweet chariot

SWING LOW

All stand and sing.

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, Com - ing for to car - ry me home.

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, Com - ing for to car - ry me home. **Fine**

1. I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see
2. If you get there be - fore I do,
3. The bright - est day that ev - er I saw
4. I'm some - times up and some - times down,

1. Com - ing for to car - ry me home. A band of an - gels
2. Com - ing for to car - ry me home. Tell all my friends I'm
3. Com - ing for to car - ry me home. When Je - sus wash'd my
4. Com - ing for to car - ry me home. But still my soul feels

1. com - ing af - ter me, Com - ing for to car - ry me home. O,
2. com - ing too, Com - ing for to car - ry me home. O,
3. sins a way, Com - ing for to car - ry me home. O,
4. heaven - ly bound, Com - ing for to car - ry me home. O,

D.C.

Words: Traditional Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. R. Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943)

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THE GOSPEL

*Mark 1:14–20**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Let us pray to the God of light, who is made manifest in Jesus Christ.

God of light, as your prophets proclaimed the coming of Christ, empower your Church to ring out the good news of your son Jesus, whose love pierces even the deepest darkness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of light, as you drew wise ones by starlight to worship the infant Jesus, draw all nations and leaders closer to you, increasing their wisdom and opening their hearts to lead with justice and truth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of light, as John the Baptist guided people toward the salvation revealed in Jesus, guide us each day to repent and return to you, and to share your love with others in humility and generosity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of light, as Jesus welcomed the weak and vulnerable, comfort and heal those who are sick, in distress, and lonely, especially those on our parish prayer list. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of light, as Jesus called his disciples to leave all they knew to follow him, pour out your grace upon those who have left behind their earthly lives to dwell with you eternally, especially Beverly Kinney. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant God of light, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence. Bring healing to all wounds, make whole all that is broken, speak truth to all illusion, and shed light in every darkness, that all creation will see your glory and know your Christ. **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 MUSIC Deep waters

Pepper Choplin (b. 1957)
Words *based on*: Luke 5:1–11

Their fishing nets were empty when they first saw the Lord.
 All night they had been fishing in the waters by the shore.
 The Lord said, "Go to deep waters, cast your nets once more."
 And because they obeyed, they would never be the same.

Go to deep waters, deep waters, where only faith will let you go.
 Go out to deep waters, deep waters, harvests of faith will overflow. Go.

They cast their nets and almost before they could begin,
 their nets were overflowing and they had to pull them in.
 And though this was their greatest catch their fishing days would end.
 For they abandoned all when they heard the master's call.



Pepper Choplin is a full-time composer, conductor, and humorist who has gained a reputation as one of the most creative writers in church music today. With a bachelor of music degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, he went on to earn a master of music degree in composition from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. With a diverse musical background, Choplin incorporates varied styles such as folk, Gospel, classical, and jazz. His published works include more than 300 anthems for church and school choir, with 23 church cantatas and two books of piano arrangements.

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 the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new

light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

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

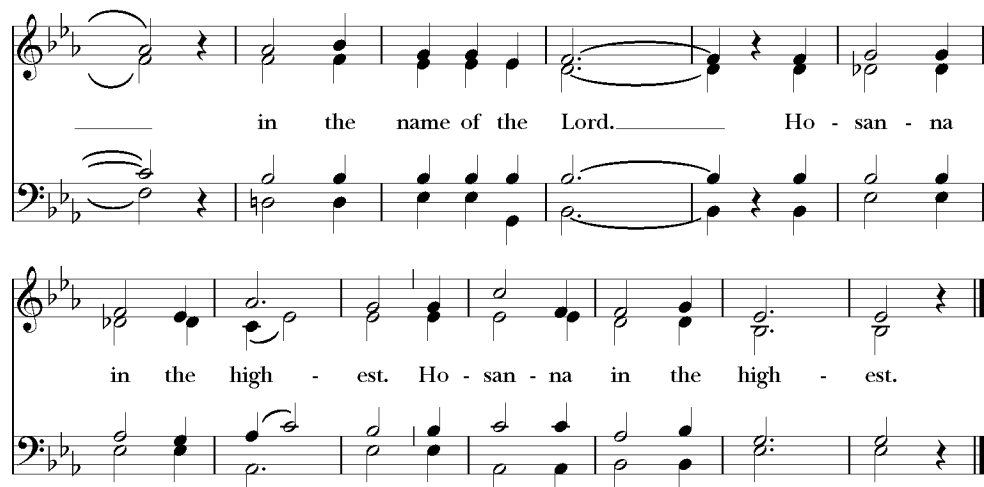
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

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.

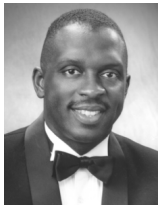
If you would like to pray with our healing prayer volunteer, go to the baptismal font at the back of the church after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Abide with me

William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)

Text: Henry Frances Lyte (1793–1897), found at Hymn 662



Moses George Hogan was an American composer and arranger of choral music. He was awarded a full scholarship to the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, where he studied piano and graduated in 1979 with a bachelor of music degree. Immediately after graduation, he began graduate studies at the Juilliard School of Music, and later studied classical music in Vienna. He is best-known for his settings of spirituals, and his works are celebrated and performed by high school, college, church, community, and professional choirs today. Over his lifetime, he published 88 arrangements for voice, eight of which were solo pieces.

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 Precious Lord, take my hand

All sing.

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

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

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

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

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THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY When the saints go marching in

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

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald**Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Betsy Chicares**Psalterer:** Virginia Eikel**The St. John's Adult Choir & Choir School****Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**The Hot Cat Jazz Band:**Ross Tucker, *trumpet*; Andy Sherwood, *clarinet*; Chris Coulter, *tenor sax*; Paul Shumsky, *guitar*;Donn Doucette, *bass*; Sal Ranniello, *drums***Acolytes:** Caleb Worrell, Brielle Worrell, Jamie Baker**Ushers:** Annabel Clapp, Carlos Diaz, Bette-Jane Hardersen**Healing Prayers:** Ginger Gillespie**Livestream Director:** Ray Giolitto**Altar Guild:** June Aziz, Matteo Donnelly**Sunday School Teachers:** Jenn Baker, Jeff Verney, Matt Ciscel,

Leah Lorenzo, Angela Allen-Peck, Colin Gillespie

Nursery Staff: Nichole Segar, Lilah Lorenzo, 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 Skeele	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.	Rick
The Kinney Family			

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton
Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Paige Whittemore	Anita Winters
Mark McDonnell	Audrey Weber
Isabel Grant	Caleb Worrell
Luis Lorenzo	

Those who have died:

Beverly Kinney, *mother of Jeff Kinney*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for all ecumenical and interfaith endeavors involving ECCT congregations and people; and for peace and peacemakers.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of South India (United).

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.



New World Trio concert, TODAY at 2 p.m. Ensemble-in-residence for Music at the Red Door, the New World Trio comprises Anahed Stowe on violin, Peter Zay on cello, and David Ballena on piano. Free admission, with suggested donation of \$20 (payable to New World Trio).

Support the college care package project. A favorite tradition here at St. John's is sending college students a package of treats and useful items to let them know we're thinking of and praying for them. There are three ways to support this year's project: 1) purchase care package items from our Amazon wish list at tinyurl.com/sjpcollege, 2) drop off a handwritten note for a particular college student whom you know, or 3) bring packages to the post office on January 29. Please contact Margie with questions or to let her know you can help with mailing.

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.

Sandwich making next Sunday, January 28, after the 10:30 service. Next Sunday we will make 200 sandwiches for clients of the Loaves and Fishes feeding ministry. Please sign up to provide supplies at sjparish.net/sandwiches, and plan to stay after the service for a few minutes to lend a hand!

Choral Evensong, Sunday, January 28 at 5 p.m. This month's service of Choral Evensong will feature the St. John's Adult Choir and the Sarah Porter Singers from Miss Porter's School, Scott Lamlein and Patrick Reardon, choirmasters. The ancient and beautiful service of Evensong features music, prayer, and chant in a contemplative setting. Please join us and bring a friend.

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.

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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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Stewart Murchie	<i>Warden</i>
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2021–23: Annabel Clapp, Robert Eikel, Julia O'Brien

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

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