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The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

January 28, 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 siparish.net/newcomer

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!



Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

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 Ps

Psalm 19:

Benedetto Marcello (1686–1739)

The heavens declare the glory of God Invocation

Rachel Laurin (1961–2023)



Rachel Laurin was a Canadian organist, composer, and music educator in Quebec who studied organ at the Conservatoire de musique du Québec à Montréal. In 1985, she received the McAbbie Foundation scholarship and, in the following year, the Bourse d'Excellence Wilfrid-Pelletier. She performed in Canada, the United States, and France. From 1986 to 2002, she was assistant organist at Saint Joseph's Oratory, and in 1988, she started teaching at the Conservatoire de musique du Québec à Montréal. From 2002 to 2006, she was titular

organist at Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa. In 2008, she received the Holtkamp-AGO Composition Award, and in 2009, she was awarded first place in the Marilyn Mason New Organ Music Competition.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 427 When morning gilds the skies *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 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



Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on

earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

All sit.

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

oses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 111

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



- 1 Hallelujah!
 - I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, * in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! * they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, * and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; * the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; * he is ever mindful of his covenant.

- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works * in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; * all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, * because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; * holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; * those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

T ow concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 448 Oh love how deep, how broad, how high *All stand and sing*.

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

THE GOSPEL Mark 1:21–28

Minister The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Tesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are,

The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE SERVION

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, remembering especially Emmy Aziz. 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 ANTHEM Mighty are your works, O God Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791) arr. Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

Text: Psalm 8

Mighty, mighty are your works, O God. Stars and moon on high tell your glory, O God our Creator.
All the wonder, all the beauty, all creation speaks of your love.
Praise we sing forever. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

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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.

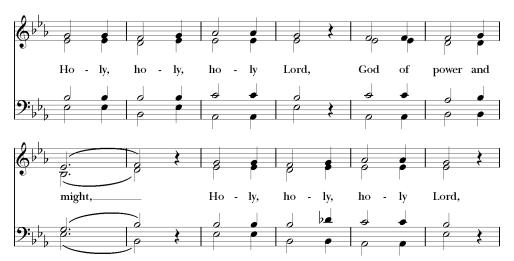
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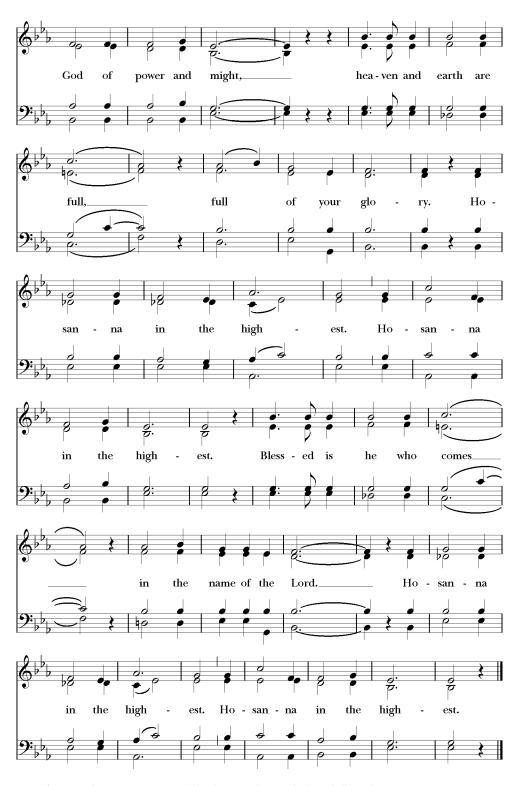
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

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





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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, AllOur 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



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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 Hear my words

Stephen Paulus (1949–2014) Words from Psalm 5

Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be; Hear my cry, my King and my God. I will make my prayer to thee. With the morning light, O Lord, thou shalt hear my voice arise; And expectant I will bring, prayer as morning sacrifice. Thou art Holy, O my God, thou delightest not in sin; Evil shall not dwell with thee, nor the proud thy favor win.



Stephen Paulus was a prolific composer of classical music. His music continues to be frequently performed and described by critics as rugged, angular, lyrical, lean, rhythmically aggressive, original, often gorgeous, moving, and uniquely American. The New Yorker characterized his music as having "impeccable technique and well-honed audience appeal," while The New York Times said, "Mr. Paulus often finds melodic patterns that are fresh and familiar at the same time...His scoring is invariably expert and exceptionally imaginative in textures and use of instruments."

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Eternal Go

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 438 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord *All sing*.

WOODLANDS

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fugue in G minor, BWV 542b

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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

Please stay after the service to make sandwiches for Loaves & Fishes.

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Margie Baker **Preacher:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Layreader: Jyothsna Diaz Psalterer: Dana Crocker The St. John's Choir School

Organist and Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Acolytes: Bradley Crocker, Eden Baker, Virginia Eikel

Ushers: Eleanor Barnes, Jo Anne Burgh, Robert Eikel, Julia O'Brien

Healing Prayers: Annabel Clapp Livestream Director: Mary Honyotski

Altar Guild: Bill Lockery, Jo-Ann Sadosky

Nursery Staff: Sheryl Simoni, Lilah Lorenzo, Olivia Thaxton

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Edward Thomas Wheeler.



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	Ben Mabrey
Hale Walkoff	Nick Willke	Louis Nuechterlein	Mike
Rod Farrell	Toby & Manny Aguiar	Craig W.	Dan Minster
Hillary Lord	Jeff Lewis	Ryan W.	Rick
Madeline	Miranda	Roger	Allison and Family

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Joseph Bleicher Andy Marchion Ram Tysoe Jeff Wright

Marie Montas

Those who have died:

Emhart (Emmy) Aziz, member of St. John's and husband of June Aziz

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Epiphany, Durham; St. Gabriel's, East Berlin; St. Stephen's, East Haddam; All Saint's, East Hartford; and for ministries to, with, and for the deaf.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Choral Evensong TODAY 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.

EYC (youth group) TONIGHT at 5 p.m. We'll gather in the Education Wing to fill college care packages, and then move to Hubbard Hall for dinner at 6. All middle and high school age youth are welcome (parishioners and friends!).

St. John's Book Club, next Thursday, February 1 at 7 p.m. in Zoom.The St. John's online book club will reconvene on February 1 at 7 p.m. in Zoom to discuss *Till 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 book club meeting dates with the Zoom link. **We have a limited number of all three books available in the parish office (first come, first served).**

2023 year-end giving statements. Year-end giving statements were sent out by email on Tuesday, January 23, to all donors for whom we have an email address on file. The remaining statements were sent by mail. **If you use email but have not received your 2023 giving statement, please check your spam/junk folder,** and if it's not there, contact Ellen in the parish office at ellen@sjparish.net to make sure we have the correct email address on file for you. Please note that, per the giving deadline publicized in the e-news and bulletins in late 2023, contributions received after we made our final bank deposits of the year in late December will not appear on your 2023 statement, even if in payment of a 2023 pledge.

Pipes Alive! next Sunday, February 4, 12:30 p.m. Join us for the next Pipes Alive! organ recital next Sunday afternoon, featuring Jean Degan, recently retired from St. Joseph Church in Bristol, where she was director of the music ministry program for 37 years. Free admission, with donations gratefully accepted.

Jazz at the Red Door, Friday, February 9, 7:30 p.m. Expected to fill the church as always, the 2024 Jazz at the Red Door event will feature pianist Mary DiPaola and her spectacular trio of well-known jazz artists from the Hartford area. Their program of jazz standards and original compositions is sure to amaze. This event will be presented in person and by livestream. A reception will follow the concert. The concert is free admission, suggested donation \$20.





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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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VESTRY

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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