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The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II June 16, 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 sparish.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. We do not provide staffed nursery care over the summer; however, the education wing has changing tables and seating that parents/caregivers may use as needed.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Chorale Prelude on *Liebster Jesu* George Theophilus Walker (1922–2018) "Dearest Jesus"

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 524 I love thy kingdom, Lord *All stand and sing*.

St. Thomas (Williams)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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. Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice

with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and

the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON 1 Samuel 15:34–16:13

\rceil amuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 20

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

- 1 May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, * the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;
- 2 Send you help from his holy place * and strengthen you out of Zion;
- 3 Remember all your offerings * and accept your burnt sacrifice;
- 4 Grant you your heart's desire * and prosper all your plans.
- We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the Name of our God; * may the Lord grant all your requests.

- 6 Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; * he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his right hand.
- 7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, * but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.
- 8 They collapse and fall down, * but we will arise and stand upright.
- 9 O Lord, give victory to the king * and answer us when we call.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:6–10, 14–17

The are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 209 We walk by faith, and not by sight

ST. BOTOLPH

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL Mark 4:26–34

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

All sit.

The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

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 AND THE CONFESSION

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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our presiding bishop, for Jeff and Laura our bishops, and for all bishops and other ministers; For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The people may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

THE WELCOME

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC Gaudeamus Pariter

Christa Rakich (b. 1952)

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

All stand.

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.

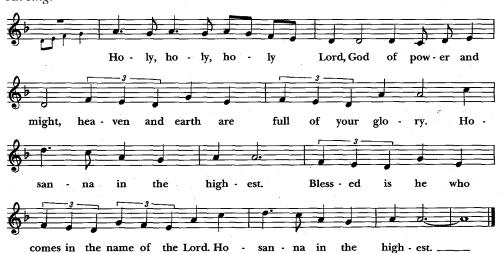
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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

All sing.



Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

All remain standing or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal

Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

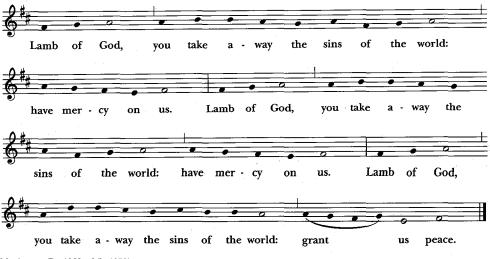
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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



Music: David Hurd (b. 1950)

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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 MUSIC Faithfulness

Christa Rakich

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 I love to tell the story

All stand and sing.



Words: A. Katherine Hankey (1831-1911) Music: William G. Fisher (1835-1912)

THE DISMISSAL

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

HANKEY

THE VOLUNTARY Prelude in B minor, BWV 544

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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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: Betsy Chicares
Organist: Christa Rakich
Ushers: Ross Hatch, Virginia Van Dyk
Livestream Oversight: Ray Giolitto
Altar Guild: Buffy Ineson, Jo-Ann Sadosky

Healing Prayer Ministers: Sharon Henes, Sarah Kieffer

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
Brad Babbitt	Sue	Anita Winters	Bob Norton
Paul L. Peck	Whitney Lynch	Alison Gillespie	Joseph
Virginia Skeele	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Joyce Flynn	Sarah Carroll
Grant Loevenbruck	The Yelland family	Rachel Boccio	Greg Highland
John & Barbara Spannaus	Harry Barber	Joan Ackley	Rachel
Jennifer Blean	Doug Larson	Guy Russo	Lucas
Hale Walkoff	Brenda	Jon Nelson	Amy Bittinger
Rod Farrell	Jeff Lewis	G.F.	William Bittinger
Hillary Lord	Miranda	Ned	Mike
Madeline	Allison and Family	Roger	Rick
Helen Rosen	Linda	Rich Lammlin	Richard Myers
Nick Willke	Jacob Latranica	Daniel Zoltan	Janet Harvey
Wayne Gollenburg	Rich & Ginny Flinchbaugh	Jim & Kathlyn Schofield	Matt & Sarah
Uncle Rich Alpin	Tom Tata	John Scott	

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Bauer Swift Lilah Lorenzo Brian Vargas Judy Wawro

Ellen Dollar Luca Douillet Guzman

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Beth & Joel Grieco Erica & Vincent Williams Marki Ware & Hal Rives Margaret & William Smith

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Paul's, Norwalk; All Saints with Christ, Oakville; St. Saviour's, Old Greenwich; and for students of all ages who are graduating.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

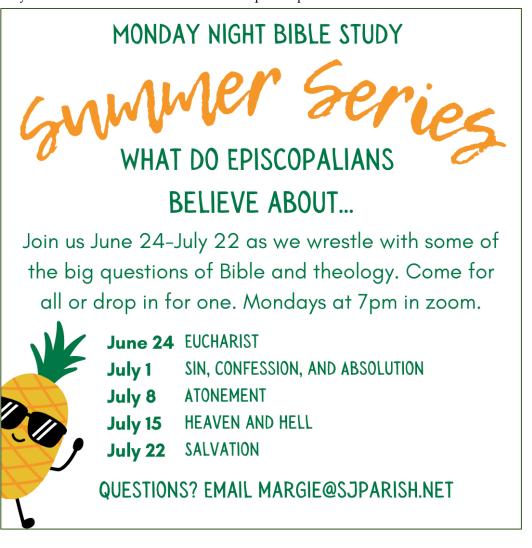
The parish office will be CLOSED on Wednesday, June 19, for the Juneteenth holiday.

Musicians needed for 9 a.m. Sunday services. Our summer service schedule, which goes through Labor Day weekend, consists of a 9 a.m. service held outdoors in the Cloister Garden (or in Hubbard Hall if it rains), and a 10:30 a.m. service held in the nave and also livestreamed. We are in need of a few more pianists, guitarists, or other musicians to accompany hymns and/or provide preludes and postludes at the 9 a.m. outdoor services on the following dates: July 28, August 4, August 18, August 25. Contact Ellen in the parish office if you can help.

West Hartford PRIDE Festival, Saturday, June 22, 12 noon to 6 p.m. Help us share a message of welcome and inclusion at the annual West Hartford Pride Festival in the Town Hall parking lot. We'll have stickers, temporary tattoos, and other treats to give away. We need volunteers to sign up for two-hour shifts to staff our table. Youth volunteers are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Contact Margie at margie@sjparish.net if you can help.

Book launch celebration, Sunday, June 30, after the 10:30 service. Did you know that our own associate rector, the Reverend Margie Baker, is a published author? Margie's new Bible study for teens, titled *God, Gospel & Gender*, will be published on June 25 by Church Publishing. Come celebrate with her after the 10:30 service on June 30 with refreshments, a few words from Margie, and an opportunity to have your book signed. We will have *limited* copies for sale at the event (proceeds will go to our local independent bookstore, River Bend Books), but you may also pre-order from Church Publishing, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or your favorite online bookseller. Pre-ordered books are normally shipped on the publication date, so you should receive it in time for the event.

Save the date!! Worship service for Todd's installation, Wednesday, September 25 at 7 p.m. As was announced recently, Todd FitzGerald has been called as the next rector of St. John's. Come celebrate with him and our parish community at an installation service with the bishop on September 25.



Don't forget about our

Blessing Box

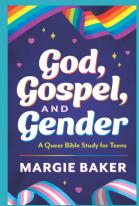
this summer!

Our Blessing Box (or Little Free Food Pantry) gets used all year long by neighbors who need a little extra food for themselves and their families. Help us keep it stocked this summer with readyto-eat food items, such as snack/protein bars; applesauce; pop-top cans of soup, pasta, fish, or fruit; peanut butter; crackers or bread; cereal; trail mix; instant soup or beans and rice.



Book Launch Celebration

Sunday, June 30 12 noon at St. John's



Help us celebrate our resident author, Margie Baker, as her new book is released! Early readers have praised the book as "critical reading for anyone who works with, cares for, or loves a young person in the Church today," and "the Bible study I wish I had as a teen." We'll have refreshments, a few words from Margie, and a chance to have your book signed. Order your copy today!

We will have **limited copies** available for purchase at the event to benefit our local independent bookstore, River Bend Books. To ensure that you will have a book for Margie to sign, you may also **PRE-ORDER NOW** from ChurchPublishing.org or from Amazon, Bookshop, Barnes & Noble, or your favorite online bookseller. Pre-orders will be shipped on June 25 (the publication date) or if you order from Barnes & Noble, you can arrange to pick yours up at a local store.

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9 a.m. Sunday: Holy Eucharist in the Cloister Garden 10:30 a.m. Sunday: Holy Eucharist in the church (also livestreamed)

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2024–26: Lauren Mascola, Linda Schatz, Brenda Zanta