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The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II June 23, 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

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. 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 Vater Unser im Himmelreich, BWV 682 Our Father in heaven

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 565 He who would valiant be *All stand and sing.*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Scan to fill out online newcomer form.



J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

Monk's Gate



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. O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

All sit.

n David's return from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand. Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite." When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved. The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice. Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul. So Saul removed him from his presence, and made him a commander of a thousand; and David marched out and came in, leading the army. David had success in all his undertakings; for the Lord was with him. When Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in awe of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David; for it was he who marched out and came in leading them.

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

THE PSALTER

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

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, * when brethren live together in unity!
- It is like fine oil upon the head * 2 that runs down upon the beard,
- Upon the beard of Aaron, * 3 and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- It is like the dew of Hermon * 4 that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: * life for evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON

s we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience,

Psalm 133

2 Corinthians 6:1–13

kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 636 How firm a foundation *All stand and sing.*

THE GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

FOUNDATION

MinisterThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.AllGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

MinisterThe Gospel of the Lord.AllPraise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON *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 The Reverend Margie Baker

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, especially Ruth Roberts and Heywood Alexander, 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

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.AllAnd also with you.

THE WELCOME

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC The Unexpected Early Hour

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

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. Reena Esmail (b. 1983)

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All stand.

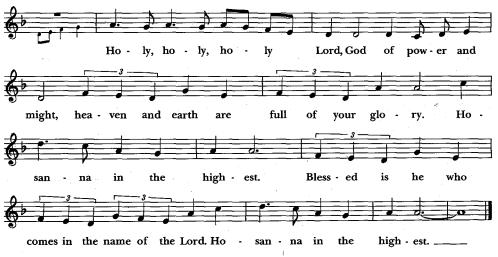
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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, 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.

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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 volunteers, go to the baptismal font at the back of the church after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION MUSIC Hendon

Christa Rakich

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

PeopleEternal 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 608 Eternal Father, strong to save *All stand and sing.*

MELITA

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE ERACTION ANTHEM

THE VOLUNTARY Fugue & Prelude on Melita

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald Preacher: The Reverend Margie Baker Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney Layreader: Christoph Stretz Organist: Christa Rakich Ushers: Laura & John Roche Livestream Oversight: Mary Honyotski Altar Guild: Matteo Donnelly, Barbara Roos Healing Prayer Ministers: Enid Oberholtzer, Megan Freeman

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Cornelia Landon Russell.

Christa Rakich

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	Joyce Flynn	Joseph
Virginia Skeele	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Rachel Boccio	Sarah Carroll
Grant Loevenbruck	The Yelland family	Joan Ackley	Greg Highland
John & Barbara Spannaus	Harry Barber	Guy Russo	Rachel
Jennifer Blean	Doug Larson	Jon Nelson	Lucas
Hale Walkoff	Brenda	G.F.	Amy Bittinger
Rod Farrell	Jeff Lewis	Ned	William Bittinger
Hillary Lord	Miranda	Roger	Mike
Madeline	Allison and Family	Rich Lammlin	Rick
Helen Rosen	Linda	Daniel Zoltan	Richard Myers
Nick Willke	Jacob Latranica	Jim & Kathlyn Schofield	Matt & Sarah
Wayne Gollenburg	Rich & Ginny Flinchbaugh	John Scott	Carol
Uncle Rich Alpin	Tom Tata	Peggy O'Toole	Savanna D.

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Margie Baker	Stuart Carlisle
Kiley Murphy	Jon Mansolf
George Fixke	Jordan Kinsky
Jenn Hill	Jillian Puzzo
Mark Sarkisian	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Joanna & Andrew Worrell Susie & Mark Sarkisian

Those who have died:

Ruth Roberts, mother of Ginger Gillespie Heywood Alexander, resident of Seabury & friend of St. John's

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Ann's, Old Lyme; Grace Church, Old Saybrook; Good Shepherd, Orange; and for Camp Washington: staff, board, counselors, and campers; and all who participate in General Convention.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of England.

New online Bible study series begins this Monday, June 24, 7 p.m. in Zoom. The summer online Bible study series will focus on Episcopal perspectives on biblical and theological ideas, such as sin and salvation. The Bible study will meet online weekly, on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. from June 24 to July 22. There is no preparation required, and you may attend one, several, or all sessions. The Zoom link is provided in each week's Thursday e-newsletter. You may also email Margie at margie@sjparish.net and ask to be added to a dedication email list to receive a reminder and link every Monday.

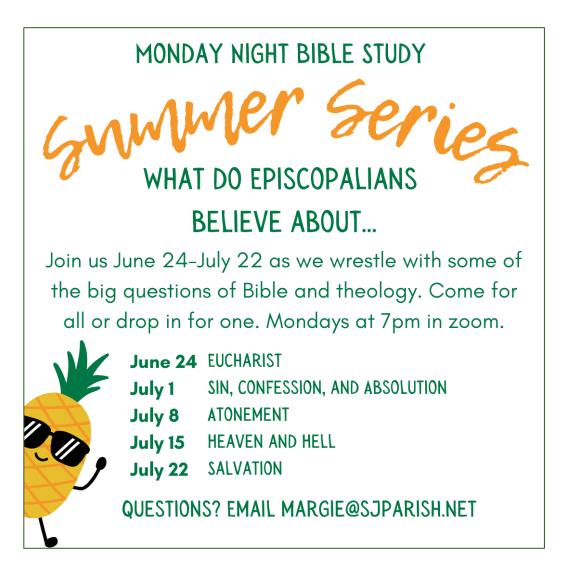
Musicians needed for 9 a.m. Sunday services. Our summer service schedule, which goes through Labor Day weekend, consists of a 9 a.m. service held outdoors in the Cloister Garden (or in Hubbard Hall if it rains), and a 10:30 a.m. service held in the nave and also livestreamed. We are in need of a few 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.

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.

Updates on St. John's summer staffing:

- **Peggy O'Toole**, our financial administrator, is out of the office on unplanned medical leave due to injuries sustained while she was visiting family in California. While Peggy is expected to make a full recovery, she has several fractures that require rehabilitation and healing time before she can resume her normal activities. Please keep Peggy and her family in your prayers, and refrain from emailing or calling her until she returns to the office. We are not sure when that will be, but will update the parish when we know more. If you have an urgent financial question, please reach out to Ellen or Todd in the parish office and we will do our best to help you.
- **Todd FitzGerald**, our rector, will be on vacation for the month of July in Maine, where he preaches and presides at a summer chapel in Cape Neddick on Sundays. **Margie Baker**, our associate rector, will be on vacation for most of August, serving at a summer chapel in Longport, NJ, and doing some other travel with her family. To allow both Todd and Margie much-needed time to rest and be with their families, please wait to reach out to them about non-urgent matters until they return to the office (Todd on August 1, Margie on August 28). For urgent or time-sensitive concerns, please contact the clergy person who is not on vacation, and/or Ellen in the parish office.
- Dwight and Ellen also have vacation plans this summer, and Margie has two weeks when she will be working but out of the office (serving as chaplain at Camp Washington July 15–19, and leading the annual Choir School sleepaway camp July 28–August 2). There will likely be days throughout the summer when the office is closed with no staff available on-site. We suggest calling before stopping by during office hours (9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday), and reaching out as early as possible with any time-sensitive questions or concerns. Thank you!



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.





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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The Rev. Todd FitzGerald (todd@sjparish.net)	
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The Rev. Walter McKenney	Deacon
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Peggy O'Toole (peggy@sjparish.net)	Financial Administrator
Christa Rakich	Organ Artist-in-Residence
Ralph Valentine	e e

VESTRY

Eleanor Barnes	Warden
Stewart Murchie	Warden
Anne Harney and David McCary	Co-Treasurers
2022–24: Lissie Brooks, Marcos Donnelly, Rosa Guzzo, Mary Honyotski	
2023–25: Angela Allen-Peck, John Nowacki, Tom Oberholtzer	
2024–26: Lauren Mascola, Linda Schatz, Brenda Zanta	