# St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Third Sunday after Pentecost
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
June 9, 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. 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 Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam, BWV 684

Christ our Lord came to the Jordan

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 8 Morning has broken *All stand and sing.* 

BUNESSAN

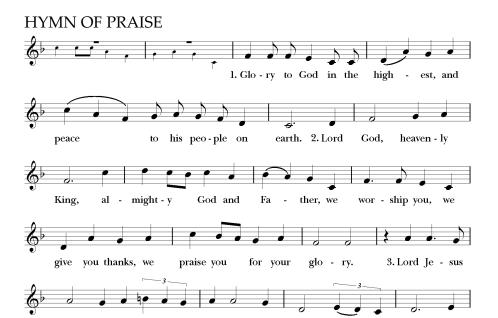
### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

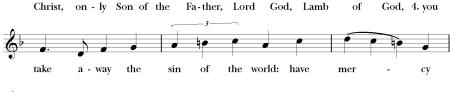
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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.** 

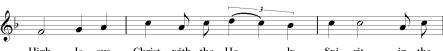


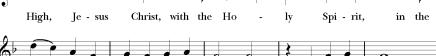














Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

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

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and

ever. Amen.

### THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20

All sit.

ll the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them." So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day." But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

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

THE PSALTER Psalm 138

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

- I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \* before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, \* because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name \* and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; \* you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \* when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \* that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \* he perceives the haughty from afar.

- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \* you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \* O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

### THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

### THE SEQUENCE HYMN When peace like a river

IT IS WELL



Words: Horatio Spafford (1828-1888), Music: Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876)

THE GOSPEL Mark 3:20–35

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

he crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Ranjit K. Mathews

All sit.

Canon to the Ordinary, Episcopal Church in Connecticut

## 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 Duetto #1 in e minor, BWV 802

Johann Sebastian Bach

### THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD  $100^{TH}$ 

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.

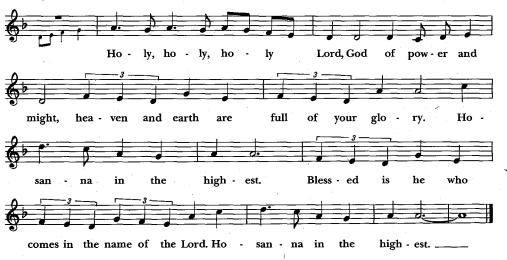
The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are,

yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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.

### 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 Improvisation on Land of Rest

Christa Rakich (b. 1952)

### 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 620 Jerusalem, my happy home

LAND OF REST

All stand and sing.

### THE DISMISSAL

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

### THE VOLUNTARY Fugue in B minor, BWV 544

Johann Sebastian Bach

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### THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald Preacher: The Reverend Ranjit K. Mathews Assisting: The Reverend Margie Baker Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Jeff Verney
Organist: Christa Rakich
Ushers: Jo Anne Burgh, Molly Cooper
Livestream Oversight: Mary Honyotski
Altar Guild: Bill Lockery, Carol Sonne

Healing Prayer Ministers: David Grimaldi, Megan Freeman

### 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	<b>Bob Norton</b>
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	Ben Mabrey
Madeline	Allison and Family	Roger	Mike
Helen Rosen	Linda	Rich Lammlin	Rick
Nick Willke	Jacob Latranica	Daniel Zoltan	Richard Myers
Wayne Gollenburg	Rich & Ginny Flinchbaugh	Jim & Kathlyn Schofield	Janet Harvey
Uncle Rich Alpin	Tom Tata	John Scott	

### Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

### Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Ted Babbitt Christoph Stretz
James Manise Erica Weinstock
Stacey Samuel Bannon Louise Mansolf
Tom Oberholtzer Annabelle Hicks

Jerry Fiske

### Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Jeanne & Dennis Winkleblack Martha & John Church

### In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Christ Church, Norwalk; Iglesia Betania, Stamford; St. Andrew's, Northford; and for Episcopal Rainbow, TransEpiscopal, Believe Out Loud, LGBTQ+ Episcopalians, and those who serve the LGBTQ+ community.

### In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Province de L'église Anglicane du Congo.

### Girls Night Out this Wednesday, June 12, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Virginia Van Dyk (58 Walbridge

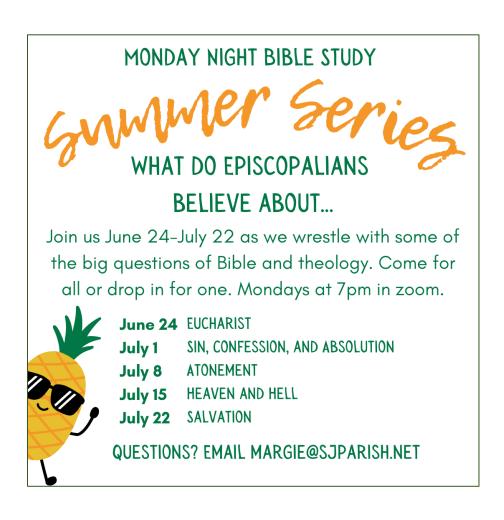
**Road).** It has become a tradition for women of the parish (21 and older) to gather after the Spring Fling fundraiser for a casual get-together that also adds to the funds raised. While some attendees purchased their Girls Night Out tickets at the Spring Fling, ALL women of the parish and friends are invited! The cost is \$25 per person; you may send in or drop off payment to the church office (please put Girls Night Out in the memo) or pay at the event (check or exact cash only).

**Musicians needed for 9 a.m. Sunday services.** Our summer service schedule, which begins on June 9 and 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.

**Vacation Bible School for all ages, June 17 to 20, 5:30 to 8 p.m.** Prayer, Scripture, activities, and dinner centered on the theme of how God nourishes us. Open to everyone, regardless of age or affiliation with St. John's. Children age 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult. \$30 per person, maximum \$100/family. **Reserve your spots at siparish.net/VBS.** 

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.

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.

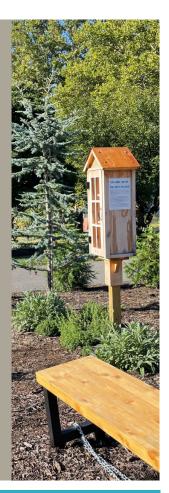


## Don't forget about our

# Blessing Box

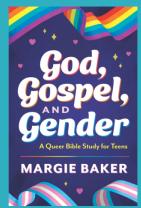
### this summer!

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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Peggy O'Toole (peggy@sjparish.net)				
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Ralph Valentine	Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus			
VESTRY				
Eleanor Barnes				
Stewart Murchie				
Anne Harney and David McCary				
2022–24: Lissie Brooks, Marcos Donnelly, Rosa Guz	zzo, Mary Honyotski			
2023_25: Angela Allen-Pock John Nowacki, Tom Oberholtzer				

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