

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*July 21, 2024*

*10:30 a.m.*

## *Welcome!*

It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you need to participate in the service is found in this bulletin and in the blue hymnals in each pew.

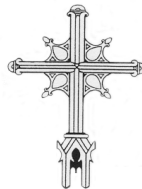
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Our ushers are here to create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. They have hearing assist devices available for those who need them. We're 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    *Wo Gott zum Haus*  
*Based on Psalm 127*

Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 537    *Christ for the world we sing*  
*All stand and sing.*

MOSCOW

### 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Title: *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 God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 7:1–14a

*All sit.*

**W**hen the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.” But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALTER

Psalm 89:20–37

*The people say the words in bold.*

- 20 I have found David my servant; \*  
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 21 **My hand will hold him fast \***  
**and my arm will make him strong.**
- 22 No enemy shall deceive him, \*  
nor any wicked man bring him down.
- 23 **I will crush his foes before him \***  
**and strike down those who hate him.**
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  
and he shall be victorious through my Name.
- 25 **I shall make his dominion extend \***  
**from the Great Sea to the River.**
- 26 He will say to me, “You are my Father, \*  
my God, and the rock of my salvation.”

- 27 **I will make him my firstborn \***  
**and higher than the kings of the earth.**
- 28 I will keep my love for him for ever, \*  
and my covenant will stand firm for him.
- 29 **I will establish his line for ever \***  
**and his throne as the days of heaven.**
- 30 If his children forsake my law \*  
and do not walk according to my judgments;
- 31 **If they break my statutes \***  
**and do not keep my commandments;**
- 32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod \*  
and their iniquities with the lash;
- 33 **But I will not take my love from him, \***  
**nor let my faithfulness prove false.**
- 34 I will not break my covenant, \*  
nor change what has gone out of my lips.
- 35 **Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: \***  
**“I will not lie to David.**
- 36 His line shall endure for ever \*  
and his throne as the sun before me;
- 37 **It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, \***  
**the abiding witness in the sky.”**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Ephesians 2:11–22*

**R**emember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” — a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands — remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 343 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless  
*All stand and sing.*

ST. AGNES

THE GOSPEL

*Mark 6:30–34, 53–56*

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

**T**he apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

*All sit.*

THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

**We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father.  
 Through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven:  
 by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
 and was made man.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again  
 in accordance with the Scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

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

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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 Sean our presiding bishop-elect, 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   Bye and Bye

arr. William Farley Smith (1941–1997)

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

*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.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

*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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## 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 Improvisation *on* Resignation American Folk Hymn

## 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 708 Savior, like a shepherd lead us SICILIAN MARINERS

*All stand and sing.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Gelobt sei Gott im höchsten Thron Ernst Pepping (1901–1981)

*Praise be to God on highest throne*

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## THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

**Celebrant and Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker

**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney

**Layreader:** Matteo Donnelly

**Organist:** Douglas Johnson

**Ushers:** Ellen Flynn, Erica Weinstock

**Altar Guild:** Matteo Donnelly, Buffy Ineson

**Healing Prayer Ministers:** Enid Oberholtzer, Jo-Ann Sadosky

**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 Skeeel	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	Jeff Lewis	G.F.	Amy Bittinger
Rod Farrell	Miranda	Ned	William Bittinger
Hillary Lord	Allison and Family	Roger	Mike
Madeline	Linda	Rich Lammlin	Rick
Helen Rosen	Jacob Latranica	Daniel Zoltan	Richard Myers
Nick Willke	Rich & Ginny Flinchbaugh	Jim & Kathlyn Schofield	Matt & Sarah
Wayne Gollenburg	Tom Tata	John Scott	Carol
Uncle Rich Alpin	Michelle Sadler	Savanna D.	
Tracie O'Brien	Paul Thaxton		

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Bob Bainbridge	Jack Curran	Danielle Foint
Emily Cortavarria	JP Evans	Brad Babbitt
Charnley Parr	Malcolm Latif	Juliette Peck
John Walsh	Priscilla Hexter	

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Lissie & Lynn Brooks  
Eleanor & Jack Barnes

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. Paul's, Riverside; St. Andrew the Apostle, Rocky Hill; Christ Church, Roxbury; and for wardens, treasurers, clerks, all vestry members, and elected delegates.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

**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 pianist, guitarist, or other musician to accompany hymns and/or provide preludes and postludes at the 9 a.m. outdoor services on the following dates:** August 18, August 25. Contact Ellen in the parish office if you can help.

**A new program year begins soon! Mark your calendar for these events:** The new program year begins on September 8, with a return to our regular service schedule (Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m., and Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.) and Christian education for all ages. In preparation, we have a few special events planned. The annual **Blessing of the Backpacks will happen at both Sunday services (9 a.m. outdoors and 10:30 a.m. indoors) on August 25.** Students and educators, of all ages, are invited to bring a backpack, work tote, laptop, or any other school item to be blessed for a new school year. The annual **Acolyte Lunch & Training will be on Sunday, September 1, after the 10:30 service.** We ask that ALL current acolytes attend if possible along with any youth interested in becoming an acolyte (4<sup>th</sup> grade and up). Finally, we'll again host a **Celebration of Ministry brunch for all adults on Sunday, September 8 at 9:30 a.m.** At the same time, children age 3 and up will attend Sunday School in the education wing, and the nursery will be open for infants and toddlers starting at 9 a.m.

**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:**

- **Todd FitzGerald**, our rector, is 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 July 31, 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, Peggy continues to take it slow as she recovers from an accident in June, and Margie has another week when she will be working but out of the office (leading the annual Choir School sleepaway camp July 28–August 2). There will 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!**

**Please read if you use numbered offering envelopes!**  
*Some important tips to ensure that we properly record your gifts*

While many people have switched to giving and paying their pledges online, many still prefer to put cash or checks in the offering plate on Sundays. Among those givers, some request numbered envelopes labeled with each Sunday's date to help them keep track of their contributions. To ensure that your contributions are properly attributed, please note the following:

- **We only provide numbered offering envelopes to those who request them during each fall's pledge campaign.** There is a check-box on both the online and paper pledge forms where you may indicate if you want envelopes. **If you do not check the box, you will not receive envelopes for the next year, even if you've used them in the past!**
- **Please do not use envelopes from a previous year.** Make sure that any offering envelopes you put in the plate have THIS year's date on them. Because relatively few parishioners use numbered envelopes and we want to avoid having to purchase far more envelopes than are used, if someone who previously requested envelopes does not request them for the current year, we may re-assign their giving number to someone else. This becomes confusing if you put contributions into offering envelopes with a giving number that is no longer assigned to you!
- **The dates on the envelopes are for your convenience, to help you track your giving; the parish office does not use the dates when accounting for your gifts/pledge payments.** When we collect each week's offering, we do not record the date on the envelopes — we simply remove the checks or cash inside. If the gift is cash, we look at the number on the giving envelope and match it with the person/household to whom that number is assigned, to make sure the cash gift is properly credited. If you miss a few Sundays at church and want to catch up on weekly pledge payments, you do not have to put separate checks and/or cash payments into separate envelopes and then turn in several envelopes at once. For example, if you pledge \$20/week, and you miss church on August 4 and August 11, and then attend on August 18, you may simply put \$60 in the August 18 envelope to catch up on your weekly payments. You do not have to put \$20 in the August 4 envelope, \$20 in the August 11 envelope, and \$20 in the August 18 envelope and put all three envelopes in the offering plate (*although you are absolutely welcome to do it that way if it helps with your own tracking!*).
- **If you did not request envelopes for 2024 but would like them, we can still send some to you!** Please just let Ellen in the parish office know that you would like some.

We are so grateful for all of our generous givers and pledgers, and want to be sure that our records accurately reflect your generosity. Again, the key things that you can do to ensure accurate record-keeping are: **Do not use envelopes from a previous year, and request envelopes each fall if you plan to use them in the year to come.** 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 ready-to-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.



## Here's to new beginnings!

*Join us for these events marking the start of a new program year*

### Blessing of the Backpacks

**Who:** *Students and educators of all ages*

**What:** *Bring your backpack, bag, laptop, etc. to be blessed for the year ahead*

**When:** *Sunday, August 25 at both services (9am and 10:30am)*

### Acolyte Lunch & Training

**Who:** *Current acolytes and any youth (4th grade & up) interested in becoming an acolyte*

**What:** *Pizza lunch and training*

**When:** *Sunday, September 1 after the 10:30 service*

### Celebration of Ministry Brunch

**Who:** *All adults\**

**What:** *A chance to reconnect and enjoy a delicious brunch*

**When:** *Sunday, September 8 at 9:30am*

\*Adults will gather for brunch in Hubbard Hall. Children age 3 and up will go to the Education Wing for Sunday School. The nursery will be open for infants and toddlers.



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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)

## STAFF

The Rev. Todd FitzGerald (todd@sjparish.net) ..... *Rector*  
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## VESTRY

Eleanor Barnes..... *Warden*  
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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