

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*August 11, 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.

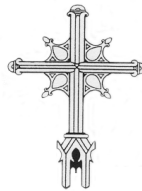
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Our ushers are here to create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. They have hearing assist devices available for those who need them. We're 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    Chant de Paix

Jean Langlais (1907–1991)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 48    O day of radiant gladness  
*All stand and sing.*

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### 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. Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

2 Samuel 18:5–9, 15, 31–33

*All sit.*

**T**he king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab’s armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, “Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.” The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.” The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 130**The people say the words in bold.*

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice; \*  
**let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
**O Lord, who could stand?**
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
**therefore you shall be feared.**
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; \*  
**in his word is my hope.**
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
**more than watchmen for the morning.**
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, \*  
**for with the Lord there is mercy;**
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
**and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Ephesians 4:25–5:2*

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 674    Forgive our sins as we forgive

DETROIT

*All stand and sing.*

## THE GOSPEL

*John 6:35, 41–51*

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

*All*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

*Minister*    The Gospel of the Lord.

*All*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

*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 Lied, from 24 Pieces in Free Style

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

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.**

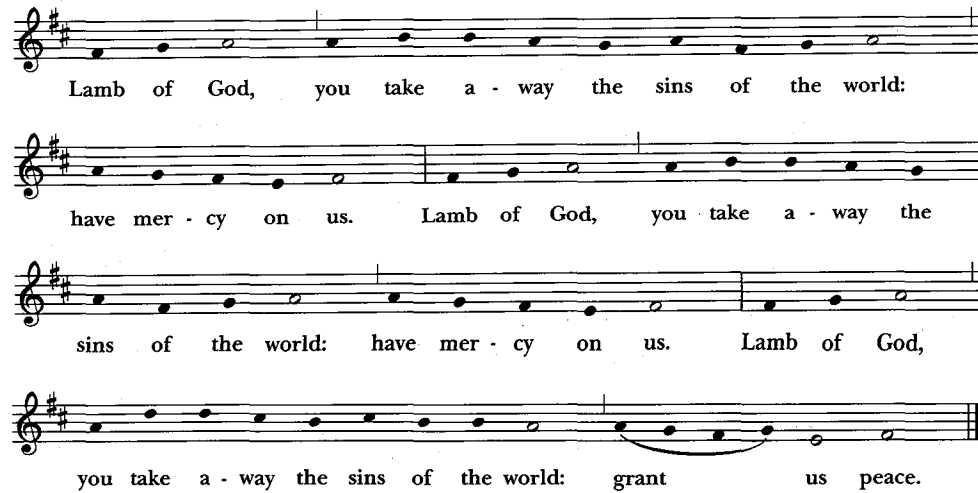
## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*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.

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

## THE COMMUNION MUSIC Improvisation

Ted Babbitt (b. 2004)

## 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 344 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

*All stand and sing.*

**THE DISMISSAL**

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

**THE VOLUNTARY** Carillon de Longpont, *from 24 Pieces in Free Style*

Louis Vierne

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**THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY****Celbrant and Preacher:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Bill Lockery**Organist:** Ted Babbitt**Ushers:** Molly Cooper, Don Polk**Livestream Director:** Jenn Baker**Altar Guild:** Kate Eikel, Bill Lockery**Healing Prayer Minister:** Wes Winterbottom

**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
Virginia Skeele	Whitney Lynch	Joyce Flynn	Joseph
Grant Loevenbruck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Rachel Boccio	Sarah Carroll
John & Barbara Spannaus	The Yelland family	Joan Ackley	Greg Highland
Jennifer Blean	Harry Barber	Guy Russo	Rachel
Hale Walkoff	Doug Larson	Jon Nelson	Lucas
Rod Farrell	Jeff Lewis	G.F.	Amy Bittinger
Hillary Lord	Miranda	Ned	William Bittinger
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	Matt & Sarah
Uncle Rich Alpin	Tom Tata	John Scott	Carol
Tracie O'Brien	Michelle Sadler	Savanna D.	Paul Thaxton

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Liz McConaughy  
Martin Dodd  
Patrick Wigmore  
Hudson Hill

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Christa Rakich & Janis Milroy  
Donielle & Rick Joslyn  
Anne & John Walsh  
Ginger & Colin Gillespie

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. Alban's, Simsbury; St. Peter's, South Windsor; and for liturgical assistants serving in parishes: lectors, layreaders, Eucharistic ministers, Eucharistic visitors, lay evangelists, and vergers.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Anglican Church of Korea.

**Help Trinity Academy set up their new space.** Our community partner Trinity Academy (an independent elementary school in Hartford) recently moved to new space at Immanuel Congregational Church, and could use some volunteers to help them unpack and set up classrooms before school begins. They will be working on **Monday, August 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** and welcome volunteers (adults or older teens) for all or some of that time. Please sign up at [sparish.net/trinityacademy](http://sparish.net/trinityacademy), and contact Laura Roche with questions at [ldakeroche@aol.com](mailto:ldakeroche@aol.com).

**Pledge statements have gone out - check your email!** Our financial administrator has emailed giving statements to pledgers who have an unpaid balance on their 2024 pledge as of July 31. The statements were sent to the email address that we have on file in Realm, our parish management system (and will be mailed to those who do not have email). If you have paid your 2024 pledge in full, you did not receive a statement. If you know you have an unpaid balance and did not receive a statement (make sure to check your junk/spam folder!), please email Ellen in the parish office to make sure we have the correct email address on file for you. Please note that the statements include pledge payments *received* and *deposited/recorded* as of July 31, so may not include payments made in the last few days of July.

**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 (3<sup>rd</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.

**Updates on St. John's summer staffing.** Margie Baker, our associate rector, is on vacation for most of August, serving at a summer chapel in Longport, NJ, and doing some other travel with her family. Please wait to reach out to her about non-urgent matters until she returns to the office on August 28. For urgent or time-sensitive concerns, please contact Todd and/or Ellen in the parish office. As other staff members take occasional time off for the remainder of the summer, there will be days 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!**

# 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 (3rd 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.



# Help feed our neighbors

## ST. JOHN'S BLESSING BOX



At our Blessing Box, or "Little Free Food Pantry" located in front of the church, people are invited to take what they need and leave what they can.

**HOW TO HELP:**  
Leave nonperishable food in the Blessing Box any time! Ready-to-eat options are especially helpful: granola or protein bars, pop-top cans of soup or pasta, peanut butter, tuna, applesauce, mac and cheese cups, instant rice and beans.

## SANDWICHES FOR LOAVES & FISHES



On the 4th Sunday of the month (Sept-May), we make and donate 200 sandwiches, which the Loaves & Fishes feeding ministry gives to clients to supplement their weekday hot meals.

**HOW TO HELP:**

- **Donate sandwich supplies.** Sign up each month at [sjparish.net/sandwiches](http://sjparish.net/sandwiches).
- **Help make sandwiches on designated Sundays.** See the e-news and bulletins for dates and times.

## GRACE CHURCH FOOD PANTRY



About once a month, a parish volunteer delivers nonperishable food donations to the Grace Episcopal Church food pantry in the Parkville neighborhood of Hartford.

**HOW TO HELP:**  
Bring donated food to church and leave it in the wagon in the narthex. Items needed: Shelf-stable milk, pasta and sauce, mac and cheese, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, canned vegetables and fruit, applesauce, canned soup and pasta.

## HOT MEALS FOR LOAVES & FISHES



St. John's makes and serves a meal once/month at Loaves & Fishes in Hartford. Contact Kate Eikel, Robert Eikel, or Rachel Boccio for more information.

**HOW TO HELP:**

- **Make a hot meal:** A great project for a family, book club, running group, etc. Recipes and guidelines are provided.
- **Serve a hot meal:** Go to Loaves & Fishes with other St. John's members to serve a midday meal on a Wednesday.

## Get involved with St. John's worship and ministries

*The best way to get to know people and feel more connected is to volunteer, whether in an ongoing ministry or for stand-alone projects and events. Read the bulletin announcements and weekly e-news to stay informed about what's going on and how you can help. In addition, the following ministries, which provide necessary support for weekly worship, are always in need of additional volunteers. Reach out to the contact person listed for more information. Training is provided for all of these roles.*

### Ushers

Greet people, hand out bulletins, gather/sort/secure the offering, assist with communion logistics, and respond to special needs that arise during worship.

**Time commitment:**

One Sunday 10:30 service a month, occasional special services

**Contact:**

Laura Roche  
ldakeroche@aol.com

### Layreaders & Chalice Bearers

Read scriptures and prayers from the lectern, and/or distribute wine during communion. Many volunteers fill both roles in a particular service, but you may choose to do only one.

**Time commitment:**

One Sunday every 4-6 weeks (8:00 or 10:30 service), occasional special services

**Contact:**

John Kauczka  
jkauczka@gmail.com

### Altar Guild

Set up the altar and chancel for worship services, funerals, weddings, and baptisms. Help maintain linens, candles, and communion vessels. Put altar supplies away after worship.

**Time commitment:**

Once every 5-6 weeks, occasional special services

**Contact:**

Buffy Ineson  
buffyineson@gmail.com

### Healing Prayers

Pray confidentially with and for people during communion at 10:30 Sunday services.

**Time commitment:**

One Sunday 10:30 service every 4-6 weeks

**Contact:**

Wes Winterbottom  
wesleywinterbottom@hotmail.com

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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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Christa Rakich ..... *Organ Artist-in-Residence*  
Ralph Valentine..... *Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus*

## 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