

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

August 4, 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.

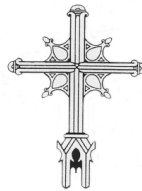
If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to sjparish.net/newcomer



Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

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 Hommage à Schumann

Christa Rakich (b. 1952)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 527 Singing songs of expectation
All stand and sing.

TON-Y-BOTEL

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. Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 11:26–12:13a

All sit.

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

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

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 51:1–13**The people say the words in bold.*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
 in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
 and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
 and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
 and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
 and upright in your judgment.

- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 302 Father, we thank thee who hast planted

All stand and sing.

RENDEZ À DIEU

THE GOSPEL

*John 6:14–35**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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, especially Charles Dellow, 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 Andantino

Angela Kraft Cross (b. 1958)

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

All stand and sing.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

All sing.

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 Rhosymedre ("Lovely") Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

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 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fanfare Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823–1881)

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Margie Baker

Preacher: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Matteo Donnelly

Organist: Christa Rakich

Ushers: Jo Anne Burgh, Bette-Jane Hardersen

Livestream Director: Jenn Baker

Altar Guild: Eti Akpan, Barbara Roos

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:

John Ineson	Abi Reilly	Keely Stater
Thomas Whittemore	Angela Allen-Peck	Erica Bleicher
Brooklyn Marchion	Billy Peele	Sam Fiske
Samantha Spillman	Ann Krissinger	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Enid & Tom Oberholtzer
Vijaya Jyothsna & Carlos Diaz

Those who have died:

Charles Dellow, *former member of St. John's*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Good Shepherd, Shelton; St. Paul's, Shelton; and for Christ Church Cathedral's ministry in Hartford, the Cathedral Chapter, honorary canons of our Cathedral.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya.

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, and contact Laura Roche with questions at lauradakeroch@aol.com.

Pledge statements have gone out - check your email! Our financial administrator will be emailing statements to pledgers who have an unpaid balance on their 2024 pledge as of July 31. The statements will be 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 will not receive a statement. If you know you have an unpaid balance and do 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 week or so that have been received but not yet processed.

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 (3rd 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, will be 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. Ellen and Dwight will both be on vacation this week, and Peggy continues to take it slow as she recovers from an accident in June, so 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.
- **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:

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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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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