

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

July 28, 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.

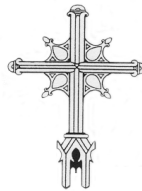
If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to sjparish.net/newcomer



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 Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot', BWV 678 J.S. Bach (1685–1750)
These are the sacred Ten Commandments

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT
All stand and sing.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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

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

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. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 11:1–15

All sit.

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

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

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 14**The people say the words in bold.*

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
**All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.**
- 2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *
**to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.**
- 3 Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
**who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the Lord?**

- 5 See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the Lord is their refuge.
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
**when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
 Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:14–21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 304 I come with joy to meet my Lord

LAND OF REST

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

John 6:1–21

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

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they

saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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, especially for the birth of Nora Susan Ineson, granddaughter of Buffy and John Ineson, and for Jim Sharp, who is celebrating his 100th birthday this week.

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 O Welt, ich muss dich lassen, Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)
 Op. 122, No. 11

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 Aria

Angela Kraft Cross (b. 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 309 O food to pilgrims given

O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY O Welt, ich muss dich lassen, Op. 122, No. 3

Johannes Brahms

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Margie Baker

Layreader: Jane Harris

Organist: Christa Rakich

Ushers: Julia O'Brien, Mary Honyotski

Livestream Director: Ray Giolitto

Altar Guild: Jo-Ann Sadosky, Brenda Zanta

Healing Prayer Ministers: Tim Goetz

In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence. Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster, and the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford. All those whose hurts, burdens, and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Kim Green	Susan	Ellie Brown	Wendy
Brad Babbitt	Sue	Anita Winters	Bob Norton
Paul L. Peck	Whitney Lynch	Joyce Flynn	Joseph
Virginia Skeele	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Rachel Boccio	Sarah Carroll
Grant Loevenbruck	The Yelland family	Joan Ackley	Greg Highland
John & Barbara Spannaus	Harry Barber	Guy Russo	Rachel
Jennifer Blean	Doug Larson	Jon Nelson	Lucas
Hale Walkoff	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:

David Kvam	Ryan Honyotski
John Wilcox	David Beers
Michael Mei	Jim Sharp

We give thanks for the birth last week of Nora Susan Ineson, daughter of Chris and Kate Ineson, granddaughter of Buffy and John Ineson.

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Sara & Patrick Wigmore
 Carolyn & Stanley Giliberto
 Amy & Todd FitzGerald
 Lyn Walker & Tyler Smith
 Susan & Brad Thomas

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. John's, Salisbury; Trinity, Seymour; Christ Church, Sharon; and for parish office volunteers, curates, seminary interns, parish assistants and associates, and missional curacies.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

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.

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!**

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.



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!

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

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.

St. John's Episcopal Church

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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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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