

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

August 25, 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.

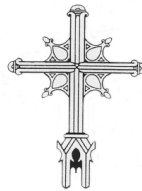
If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to sjparish.net/newcomer



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 Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele Gottfried August Homilius (1714–1779)
Adorn yourself, O dear soul

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 321 My God, thy table now is spread ROCKINGHAM
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. Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 8:22–30, 41–43

All sit.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, “O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, ‘There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive. Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.”

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

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 84**The people say the words in bold.*

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 **The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; ***
**by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 **Happy are the people whose strength is in you! ***
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims’ way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

- 6 **They will climb from height to height, ***
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 **Behold our defender, O God; ***
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 **For the Lord God is both sun and shield; ***
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 **O Lord of hosts, ***
happy are they who put their trust in you!

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 6:10–20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 440 Blessed Jesus, at thy word

LIEBSTER JESU

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

John 6:56–69

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

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

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the

one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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 & BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

All sit.

Celebrant Holy God, our friend, as we start the new school year, we bring our hopes, dreams, fears, and joys to you so that we may feel your peace. We prepare our backpacks and supplies so that we have what we need for when we're in school. Now help us prepare ourselves for all the wonderful things in store this year. Hear now our prayers, Lord. **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC Organoedia: Agnus

Zoltán Kodály (1882–1967)

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.

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 Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
Dearest Jesus, we are here

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 522 Glorious things of thee are spoken AUSTRIA
All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Sonne der Gerechtigkeit Ernst Pepping (1901–1981)
Sun of Justice

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Layreader: Jane Harris

Organist: Douglas Johnson

Ushers: Robert Eikel, Dan Minster

Livestream Director: Mary Honyotski

Altar Guild: Buffy Ineson, Brenda Zanta

Healing Prayer Minister: Sarah Kieffer

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	Carol
Uncle Rich Alpin	Tom Tata	John Scott	Paul Thaxton
Tracie O'Brien	Michelle Sadler	Savanna D.	Frank Higginbotham
Timothy Foga	Maggie	Estrid Eklof	

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Cat Gillespie	Wes Winterbottom
Stephen Roberts	Jx Eikel
Dennis Winkleblack	Freya Watt
John Swift	Sloane Curtis
Naomi Cipriano	

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Epiphany, Southbury; St. Paul's, Southington; and for church musicians: organists; choirs and choir directors, bands, community chorister programs, and parish and diocesan committees on liturgy, music, and worship.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico.

Help us stock up for our neighbors in need. We have two ministries for supporting neighbors in need who come to the church looking for help: **Blessing Bags** are small reusable tote bags given out by our clergy and staff and filled with necessities such as socks, winter accessories, t-shirts, toiletries, snacks, and water. The **Blessing Box** is a small self-service food pantry located in the Abraham's Welcome garden area on the Farmington Avenue side of the church property. We encourage parishioners to put nonperishable food (especially ready-to-eat items) directly into the Blessing Box as often as you can, but we also keep some food on hand in the office for days when the Blessing Box is empty and someone stops by looking for something to eat. As fall approaches, we'd like to stock up on items for these two ministries. We have an Amazon wish list, from which you can order and have items directly shipped to the church. Go to sjparish.net/blessingbags. Or you may purchase similar items at your preferred retailer and drop them at the church office any time. Thank you!

Acolyte lunch and training, next Sunday, September 1 after the 10:30 service. All current acolytes are encouraged to attend, along with any youth (3rd grade and up) who would like to serve as an acolyte. Choir School singers may also serve as acolytes!

Program year worship schedule to resume on September 8.

- **Sundays:** Spoken Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and Choral Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m., along with Christian education for all ages at 9:30 a.m., and the staffed nursery open for children up to age 6, from 9 a.m. to noon.
- **On Sunday, September 8,** the adult Christian education time (9:30 a.m.) will include a **Celebration of Ministry brunch**, with plenty of delicious food and opportunities to learn more about some of our core ministries.
- **Wednesdays:** On Wednesday, September 11, we will resume weekly spoken Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m. This is a brief, contemplative service that takes place in the chancel (where the choir, clergy, and acolytes sit on Sunday mornings).

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.

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.



Worship at St. John's

The regular worship schedule below resumes on Sunday, September 8.

Sundays

8am Spoken Holy Eucharist

9:30am Christian education for all ages

10:30am Choral Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed)

Professionally staffed nursery care for children up to age 6 is available from 9am to noon.

Wednesdays

5:30pm Spoken contemplative Eucharist

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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