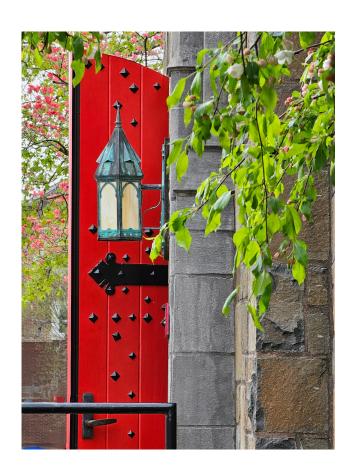
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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

September 15, 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 sparish.net/newcomer

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!



Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

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. Our professionally staffed nursery located in the Education Wing is open on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Parents/caregivers are welcome to drop off children in the nursery for part or all of the service. The Education Wing and nursery also have changing tables and seating that parents/caregivers may use as needed.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist (BuxWV 208)

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 427 When morning gilds the skies *All stand and sing.*

Laudes Domini

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.**

THE SONG OF PRAISE Glory to you All sing.





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that

your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

All sit.

THE FIRST LESSON Proverbs 1:20–33

Tisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

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

THE RESPONSE Wisdom 7:26–8:1

The people say the words in **bold** and sing the antiphon where indicated.



For wisdom is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness.

Although she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things;

in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God, and prophets; for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom.

She is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every constellation of the stars.

Compared with the light she is found to be superior, for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail.

She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well.

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON James 3:1–12

teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 675 Take up your cross

BOURBON

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL Mark 8:27–38

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

THE SERMON 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

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

God of mercy and healing, you who hear the cries of those in need, receive these petitions of your people that all who are troubled may know peace, comfort, and courage.

We pray for the church, that we might show forth our faith in action, regard all with impartiality, and be quick to listen and slow to anger. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

We pray for our nation, especially in this election year, that whenever trials may befall us, God may grant us endurance, understanding, and wisdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

We pray for the world, that those who are persecuted and excluded may be raised up, and that mercy may fall on us all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

We pray for the sick, the injured, the vulnerable, and those undergoing all forms of adversity, especially those on our parish prayer list, that they will be healed and comforted. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

We pray for discernment and understanding as we plan for a capital campaign for the future of St. John's, that in the power of the Holy Spirit we may accomplish the great work God has given us to do in renewing this church, our earthly home. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, that they would draw near to God, and that God would draw near to them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Celebrant Life-giving God, heal our lives, that we may acknowledge your wonderful deeds and offer you thanks from generation to generation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All remain standing or kneel.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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 & COMMISSIONING OF HEALING PRAYER MINISTERS

All sit.

Celebrant God, your will for all people is health and salvation; you came that we might have life, and

have it abundantly. Grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or suffering;

People Hear us, O Lord of life.

Officiant Bless all who minister to the suffering, especially our healing prayer ministers, granting

them faith and wisdom, sympathy and patience.

People Hear us, O Lord of life.

Officiant You are the Lord who does wonders:

People You have declared your power among the peoples.

Officiant With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

People And in your light we see light.

Officiant Hear us, O Lord of life:

People Heal us, and make us whole.

Officiant Let us pray. Almighty God, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick

and suffering, and upon those who minister to them, that illness, injury, and despair may be

vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Dear Lord and father of mankind

C.H.H. Parry (1848-1918)

Text by John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–1892), found at Hymn 652

Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, 1st Baronet, was an English composer, teacher, and historian of music. Parry's first major works appeared in 1880. As a composer he is best known for the choral song Jerusalem, his 1902 setting for the coronation anthem I was glad, the choral and orchestral ode Blest Pair of Sirens, and the hymn tune Repton, which sets the words Dear Lord and Father of Mankind. His orchestral works include five symphonies and a set of symphonic variations.

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

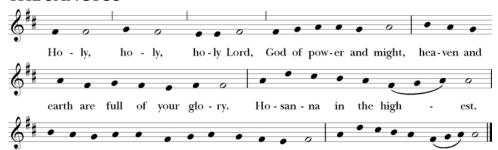
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people 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



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Setting: From New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)

All remain standing or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

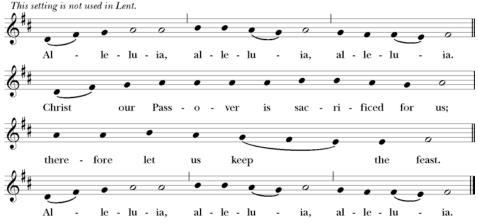
and the power,

and the glory

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



Setting: From New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant Come God's people, come receive Christ's heavenly food.

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 MOTET God so loved the world (2014)

Brittney Boykin (b. 1989) Text: John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.



B.E. Boykin is a native of Alexandria, Virginia and graduated from Spelman College with a B.A. in music. She received her M.M. in sacred music with a concentration in choral studies from Westminster Choir College. She continued to compose music during her time at Westminster, and was awarded the R and R Young Composition Prize just a few months shy of graduating. Boykin currently serves as assistant director/accompanist for the Spelman College Glee Club. Her most recent commissioned work, We Sing as One, was commissioned to celebrate Spelman's College's 133rd anniversary.

COMMUNION HYMN 574 Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

St. Petersburg

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 *All stand and sing*.

SICILIAN MARINERS

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Te Deum

Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643–1704)

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald Preacher: The Reverend Margie Baker Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Matteo Donnelly **Psalterer:** Robin Brown **The St. John's Adult Choir**

Organist & Choirmaster: Walden Moore **Acolytes:** Jx Eikel, Virginia Eikel, Bobby Eikel

Ushers: Jo Anne Burgh, Robert Eikel, Julia O'Brien

Livestream Director: Ray Giolitto Altar Guild: Eti Akpan, Carol Sonne Healing Prayer Minister: Sarah Kieffer

Nursery Staff: Nichole Segar, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton Sunday School Teachers: Robert Eikel, Jenn Baker, Margie Baker, Donielle Joslyn

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Frank J. Murray, Jr., Ginny and Dick Gregory, Virginia and William Proft, and Rennie McQuilkin.

Join us for coffee hour in Hubbard Hall after the service!

This Sunday, food is provided by those with last name starting M through R. Next Sunday, food will be provided by those with last name starting S through Z. *See full details on our new coffee hour process in the announcement on p. 13.*

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	Timothy Foga	Savanna D.	Frank Higginbotham
Naya			

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Chris Byrd Katie Mahoney
Phoebe Carlisle Helen Cooke
Maggie Mahoney Bradley Crocker
Lisa Farrell William Smith

Mac Mahoney

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Julia & Jim O'Brien

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for L'Eglise de L'Epiphanie, Stamford; St. Andrew's, Stamford; St. Francis', Stamford; and for the Province of New England: the Dioceses of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Western Massachusetts; their bishops, clergy, parish and diocesan staff, and congregations; Provincial Synod; all Provincial Networks.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of Nigeria.

Christmas Festival planning meeting, TODAY after the 10:30 service. The annual Christmas Festival is a beloved tradition at St. John's and one of two annual fundraisers. Matteo Donnelly is our new festival chairperson, and he invites anyone who is interested to join him next Sunday, after the 10:30 service, to begin brainstorming and planning for this year's Festival (which will be on Saturday, December 7). If you cannot attend but want to help, please contact Matteo at mdpsych123@gmail.com.

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 siparish.net/blessingbags. Or you may purchase similar items at your preferred retailer and drop them at the church office any time. Thank you!

A new plan for coffee hour. Calling all coffee lovers, snack lovers, and people who like to socialize and enjoy each other's company. Let's make our great community even greater, and support our weekly coffee hour after the 10:30 Sunday service. The new plan is simple! Please bring a sweet or savory snack to share at coffee hour according to the schedule below, based on the first letter of your last name. If you won't be at church on one of your assigned Sundays, that's fine ... try again next month! Each family only needs to provide one thing—a box of donut holes, a dozen muffins, a bag of clementines, a cracker/cheese plate...whatever appeals to you! Homemade or store-bought are both fine. The schedule is as follows:

- Last name A through F: First Sunday of the month
- G through L: Second Sunday of the month
- M through R: Third Sunday of the month
- S through Z: Fourth Sunday of the month

Matteo Donnelly has graciously volunteered to coordinate this new process, and his family will provide food on any 5th Sundays. Please contact him at mdpsych123@gmail.com with questions.

Looking for an easy and rewarding volunteer role at St. John's? Try our flower ministry! Each Sunday, we have two beautiful flower arrangements on the high altar. So that the flowers won't go to waste, we're looking for someone (or a few people!) to retrieve the flowers after each week's 10:30 service, divide the arrangements into smaller bouquets (which can be wrapped in florist foil or put in a spare vase), and give them to parishioners to take home. The flowers can go to those listed in the bulletin as having a birthday or anniversary or to a newcomer or friend, or dropped off to one of our members who is homebound. This is an easy job that helps spread joy and also ensure that we're not wasting resources. If you'd like to help, please contact Buffy Ineson, altar guild chairperson, at buffyineson@gmail.com, or Ellen in the parish office. We can also use vases of any size in which to put the leftover flowers. Drop off vases at the parish office.

Sandwich making for Loaves & Fishes, September 22 after the 10:30 service. On the fourth Sunday of the month during the program year, we make sandwiches for the Loaves & Fishes feeding ministry, which Loaves & Fishes gives to clients of the midday hot-meal ministry so they'll have something to eat later in the day. In addition to help with making the sandwiches, we always need people to provide supplies (lunch meat, cheese, bread, etc.) and help with set-up. Sign up to help at siparish.net/sandwiches.

Special worship service for Todd FitzGerald's installation as rector, Wednesday, September 25 at 7 p.m. This past May, the vestry voted unanimously and enthusiastically to call Todd FitzGerald as St. John's 15th rector. Although Todd officially became rector as soon as that vote was communicated to the bishops, we now have an opportunity to celebrate his call at a special worship service. The Right Reverend Jeffrey Mello, bishop diocesan, will preach and preside, and everyone is welcome! A reception will follow.

Jazz at the Red Door, Friday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m. Join us as we welcome Nat Reeves and Friends paying tribute to the late piano legend Kenny Kirkland. For years, Nat has inspired and influenced countless musicians as an educator in Hartford – and he continues to amaze audiences through his performances and recordings. He will be joined by the innovative Benito Gonzalez (*piano*) and incomparable Jeff "Tain" Watts (*drums*). This event will be presented in person and by livestream. A reception will follow the concert. Free admission, suggested donation \$20.

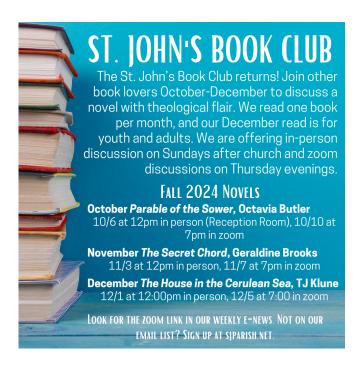
The St. John's book club returns with both in-person and virtual options. The book club will discuss three books this fall (one each in October, November, and December), with an option to meet in-person after a Sunday church service or in Zoom on a Thursday evening. The December book discussion will be inter-generational, for both youth and adults. The church office has a limited number of copies of each book to give away on a first-come, first-served basis.

Meet our seminarian intern, Robin Brown

Robin Brown is joining us this academic year as our seminarian intern! She will be with us on Sundays and occasional other days, participating in our worship and parish life in a variety of ways. Robin is entering her second year at Yale Divinity School and Berkeley Divinity School, bringing with her a rich background of ministry experience. A postulant from the Diocese of Southern Virginia, she was deeply involved in her sending parish for the four years she spent there, contributing to children's and youth ministries, campus ministry, adult formation, book clubs, and leading a women's formation group. Originally from Eastern North Carolina, Robin moved to Norfolk, Virginia, after completing her undergraduate studies in 2019, where she worked in accounting, marketing, and administration. Currently, she is



pursuing ordination to the priesthood in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia while working toward a master of divinity, a diploma in Anglican studies, and a certificate in Black Church studies. Robin enjoys any activity that gets her outside and is always open to hiking recommendations. She is thrilled to join the St. John's community this academic year as the seminarian intern!





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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 8 a.m.: Spoken Holy Eucharist Sundays at 10:30 a.m.: Choral Holy Eucharist Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.: Spoken Holy Eucharist

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