

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

September 8, 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

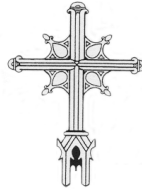


Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

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. 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 Chant Vespéral (op. 112, no. 12)

Rachel Laurin (1961–2023)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 525 The Church's one foundation
All stand and sing.

AURELIA

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 *Dignus es*

Benjamin Straley (b. 1986)

The refrain is introduced by the choir, then all repeat. The choir sings the verses, and all join in the refrain.

Splen-dor and hon-or and king - ly power are yours by right, O Lord our God.

For you created every thing that is,
 and by your will they were created and have their being; *Refrain*
 And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
 for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
 From every family, language, people, and nation,
 a kingdom of priests to serve our God. *Refrain*
 And so, to him who sits upon the throne,
 and to Christ the Lamb,
 Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,
 for ever and for evermore. *Refrain*

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Let us pray. Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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

THE FIRST LESSON

*Proverbs 22:1–2, 8–9, 22–23**All sit.*

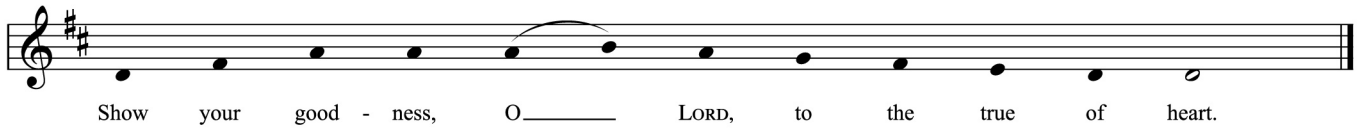
A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 125

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



- 1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
**so does the Lord stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.**
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, *
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- 4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel.

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

James 2:1–10, 14–17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 493 O for a thousand tongues to sing

AZMON

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

*Mark 7:24–37**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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.

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 our search for a new music director, that God will grant us wisdom, faithfulness, patience, and joy, and that we may hear God's voice in all our deliberations as we seek a faithful director who will nurture our music ministry and further God's mission at St. John's. 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 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 ANTHEM My eyes for beauty pine

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)
Text: Robert Bridges (1844–1930)

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddes grace,
No other care or hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above;
'Tis named when God's name is said, 'tis love, 'tis heavenly love.

And every heart that burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.



Herbert Howells, influenced British church music in the 20th century, arguably more than anyone. He completed this anthem on Boxing Day, December 26, 1925. The chorus maintains a modest and humble unison texture until the "splendour" that is shed from above is revealed as God's name, which is heavenly love.

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.

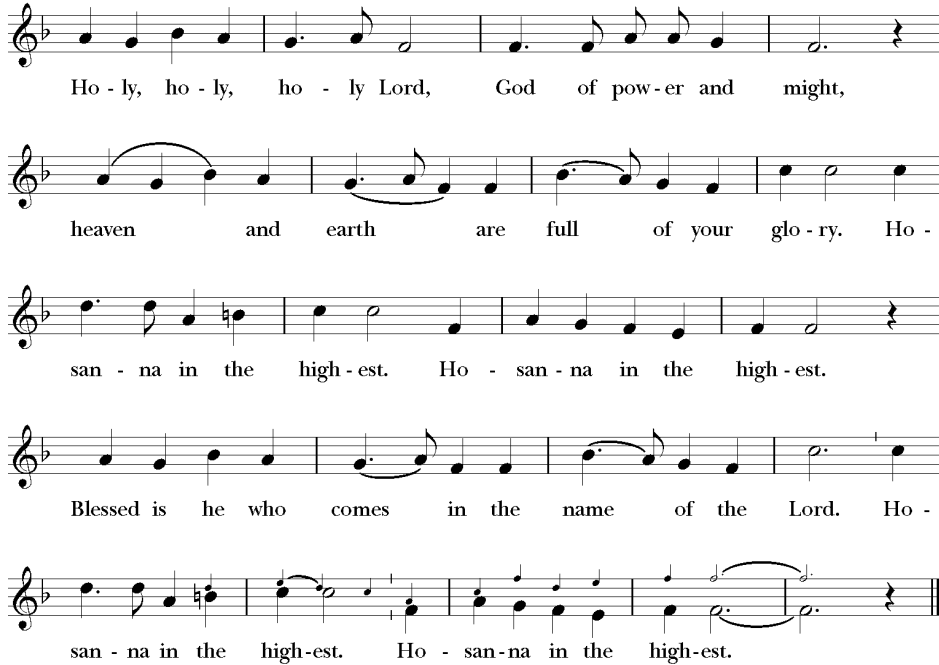
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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

THE COMMUNION MOTET Ave verum corpus

Stephanie Martin (b. 1962)

Text attributed to Pope Innocent VI (d. 1362)

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum immolatum in Cruce pro homine,
 Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine, esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.
 Hail, true body born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for man,
 Whose pierced side overflowed with blood, Be for us a foretaste in the test of death.



An award-winning composer and conductor, Stephanie Martin has wide musical interests ranging from Gregorian chant to gamelan, from Froberger to folksong. A guardian of musical heritage and a creative collaborator, she is known for imaginative programming and for creating sustainable musical communities.

COMMUNION HYMN Heal me, hands of Jesus

SHARPE

1. Heal me, hands of Je-sus, and search out all my pain: re -
 2. Cleanse me, blood of Je-sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let
 3. Know me, mind of Je-sus, and show me all my sin; dis -
 4. Fill me, joy of Je-sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and

store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.
 me for - give as one for - given and bring me peace to - day.
 pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.
 heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

Text: Michael Perry

Music: Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Tunes for Grace*

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 423 Immortal, invisible

ST. DENIO

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Improvisation *on* St. Denio

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Margie Baker

Preacher: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Elizabeth Chicares

Psalterer: Jamie Baker

The St. John's Adult Choir & Choir School

Organist & Choirmaster: Walden Moore

Acolytes: Dorian Ciscel, Atticus Finkell, Luke Yelland, Zeke Latif

Ushers: Annabel Clapp, Molly Cooper, Dan Minster, Virginia Van Dyk

Livestream Director: Elijah Clapp

Altar Guild: Kate Eikel, Barbara Roos

Healing Prayer Minister: David Grimaldi

Nursery Staff: Sheryl Simoni, Lilah Lorenzo

Sunday School Teachers: Robert Eikel, Jenn Baker, Akilah Williams, Jeff Verney,

Leah Lorenzo, Matt Ciscel, Angela Allen-Peck, Buffy Ineson

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Marion and Raymond Woodbury.

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

This Sunday, food is provided by those with last name starting G to L.

Next Sunday, food will be provided by those with last name starting M through R.

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:

Bob Naumann	Dave Derby
Tim Watt	Matteo Donnelly
Alexander Grieco	Carol Davis
Benjamin Clapp	Cabot Rosen
Susie Sarkisian	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Katy Hart & Bill Uricchio
Susan Murphy & Paul Thaxton

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Trinity, Southport; Grace Church, Stafford Springs; and for those involved in the ministry of Christian formation in parishes: church school and youth group directors, teachers, and mentors; adult education leaders; Education for Ministry leaders and students; and those who have been received into The Episcopal Church.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar.

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!

Wednesday midweek Eucharist resumes this week, September 11 at 5:30 p.m. 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).

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.

Weekly online Bible study resumes tomorrow, September 9, at 7 p.m. in Zoom. St. John's thriving online Bible study will resume tomorrow evening with a series on the first seven chapters of Exodus. There is no homework or preparation required, and everyone is welcome to attend one, all, or several sessions. The Zoom link is included in each week's Thursday e-newsletter, and you may email Margie at margie@sjparish.net to be added to a dedicated email list to receive the link every Monday.

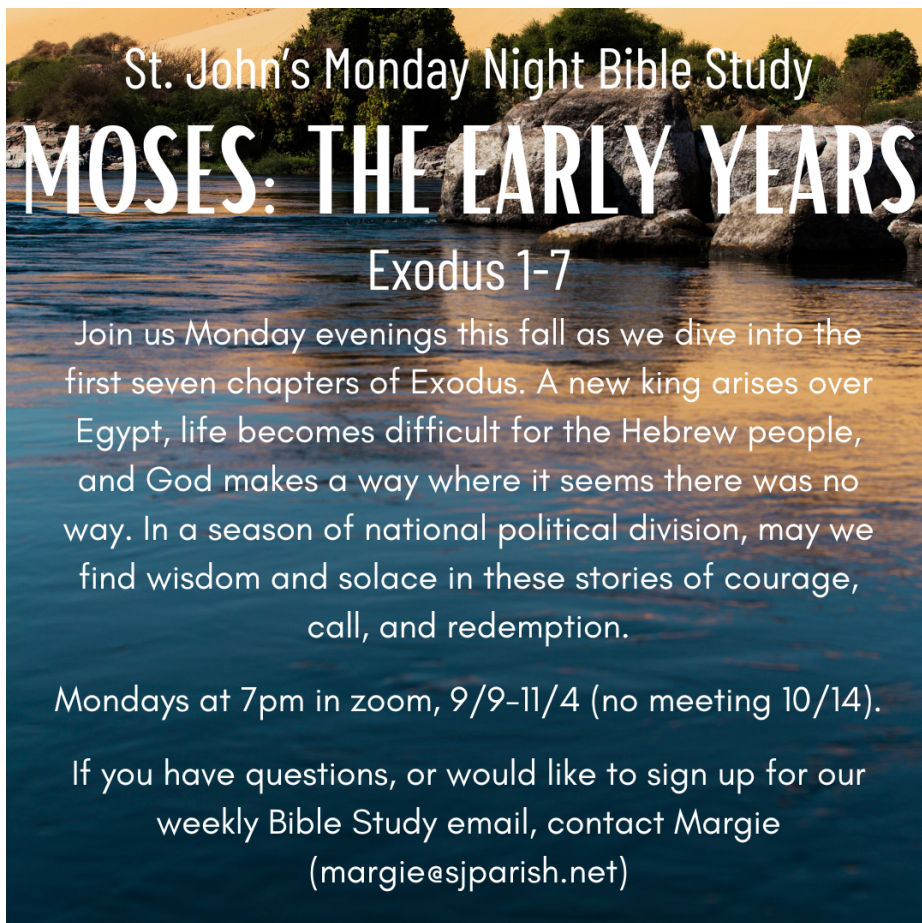
Women Together book discussion group resumes on Tuesday, September 10, at 2 p.m. at St. John's. Women Together gathers weekly to explore our Christian faith and practice through book discussion, prayer, and fellowship. We meet on Tuesdays from 2 to 3:15 p.m. in the Reception Room at St. John's. On September 10, we will begin discussing *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande. We have been reading this book over the summer and will meet to discuss it on September 10th and possibly the following week. If you haven't read the book, you are welcome to come and join the discussion anyway. Our next book is *The Naked Now: Learning to See as the Mystics See* by Richard Rohr. The books we choose are usually available at libraries, Amazon, and other

booksellers. Women Together has been attended by women from St. John's, Trinity, St. James's, and St. Monica's, and anyone is welcome. Please contact Sarah Kieffer at kieffer2468@gmail.com if you would like additional information.

Christmas Festival planning meeting, Sunday, September 15 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.

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 sjparish.net/sandwiches.**

New Education for Ministry (EfM) group forming for 2024–2025. The EfM group that meets weekly at St. James's Episcopal Church in West Hartford Center welcomes additional folks who want to read and reflect on scripture, explore and nurture their faith, and discuss their call to the Christian life and service where they live, work, and play—all in a small group setting of 6 to 12 people studying, conversing, and exchanging our experiences as seekers of God in our daily lives. The program is structured by the University of the South School of Theology and administered at the parish level. The group welcomes members from other parishes. For more information, contact Ron Ward, group mentor at rtwtmr@comcast.net or 860-463-8057.



St. John's Monday Night Bible Study

MOSES: THE EARLY YEARS

Exodus 1-7

Join us Monday evenings this fall as we dive into the first seven chapters of Exodus. A new king arises over Egypt, life becomes difficult for the Hebrew people, and God makes a way where it seems there was no way. In a season of national political division, may we find wisdom and solace in these stories of courage, call, and redemption.

Mondays at 7pm in zoom, 9/9-11/4 (no meeting 10/14).

If you have questions, or would like to sign up for our weekly Bible Study email, contact Margie (margie@sjparish.net)

Choir School and EYC Dinner Angels

Did you know that the Choir School (and some adult choir members) have dinner most Wednesdays at 6:00? And did you know that our youth group (EYC) share a meal most Sundays at 5:00? You can help feed our younger members by signing up to provide a meal for Choir School or EYC!



Choir School Dinner Signup
(sjparish.net/choirdinner)



EYC Dinner Signup
(sjparish.net/eyc)



CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE

Join our new chairperson Matteo Donnelly to begin planning for our best Christmas Festival yet!

The annual St. John's Christmas Festival (to be held this year on December 7) is a beloved tradition and a major fundraiser. Your energy and ideas are welcome!

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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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2024–26: Lauren Mascola, Linda Schatz, Brenda Zanta