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The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

October 20, 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

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.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Antiphon:

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

How fair and how pleasant art thou, Op. 18

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 348 Lord, we have come at your own invitation O QUANTA QUALIA 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.**

THE SONG OF PRAISE Glory to you





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among

the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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

All sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Job 38:1–7, 34–41

he Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'? Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together? Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?"

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 104:1–9, 25, 37b

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



- Bless the Lord, O my soul; *
 O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
 you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
- 2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak * and spread out the heavens like a curtain.
- 3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; * you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.
- 4 You make the winds your messengers * and flames of fire your servants.
- 5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, * so that it never shall move at any time.
- 6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; * the waters stood higher than the mountains.
- 7 At your rebuke they fled; * at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- 8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, * to the places you had appointed for them.
- 9 You set the limits that they should not pass; * they shall not again cover the earth.
- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
 in wisdom you have made them all;
 the earth is full of your creatures. Hallelujah!

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 5:1-10

very high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was

appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 379 God is love, let heaven adore him

ABBOT'S LEIGH

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL Mark 10:35–45

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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,

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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 all who are suffering because of war and natural disaster, remembering especially those affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, famine in South Sudan, and cycles of violence in Israel, Gaza, and Lebanon. 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, especially Flora Speer, 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

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM O how amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958) Text from Psalms 84 and 90

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house.

They will be alway praising thee.

The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us;

prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.

O prosper thou our handiwork.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

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.

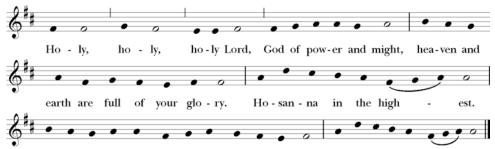
CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

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 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



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,

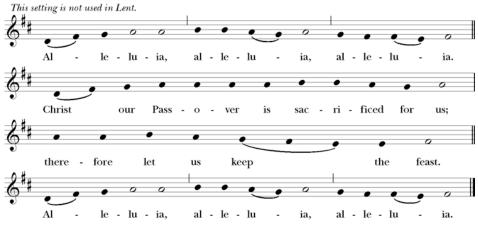
and the power,

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 ANTHEM Psalm 23

C. Hylton Stewart (1884–1932)

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me; thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Arthur Charles Lestoc Hylton Stewart was an English cathedral organist, who served in Rochester Cathedral and St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. He produced several compositions for organ, and sacred choral pieces for choir.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 321 My God, thy table now is spread *All remain seated and sing.*

ROCKINGHAM

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 657 Love divine, all loves excelling *All stand and sing*.

HYFRYDOL

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Improvisation on Hyfrydol

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

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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: Jane Harris **Psalterer:** Eden Baker

The St. John's Adult Choir & Choir School Organist & Choirmaster: Walden Moore

Acolytes: Caleb Worrell, Selma Waddington, Brielle Worrell Ushers: Robert Eikel, Mary Honyotski, Ryan Honyotski, Don Polk

Livestream Operator: Jenn Baker Altar Guild: Eti Akpan, Matteo Donnelly Healing Prayer Minister: Enid Oberholtzer

Nursery Staff: Sheryl Simoni, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton Sunday School Teachers: Audrey Baker, Robert Eikel, 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 Wendy F. Vance, Charles D. and Janet M. Petersen, Robert F. and Abbie V.S. Petersen, Thomas R. Tight, and George E. and Abbie B. Van Siclen.

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

This Sunday, food is provided by those with last names starting M through R. Next Sunday, food will be provided by those with last names starting S through Z.



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
Helen Rosen	Allison and Family	Roger	Mike
Nick Willke	Linda	Rich Lammlin	Rick
Wayne Gollenburg	Jacob Latranica	Daniel Zoltan	Richard Myers
Uncle Rich Alpin	Ginny Flinchbaugh	Jim & Kathlyn Schofield	Carol
Tracie O'Brien	Tom Tata	John Scott	Paul Thaxton
Naya	Timothy Foga	Savanna D.	Frank Higginbotham
Dan Minster	Miriam Myers	Mindy	Todd
Bruce Adams			

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Abigail Campo Azaria Campo Raphael Katsipis

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Kim & Chris Byrd Lisa & Paul Farrell

Please also join us in praying and giving thanks for the marriage of Lauren Barth and Eric Ineson (son of Buffy and John Ineson), who were married on October 18, 2024.

Those who have died:

Flora Speer, member of St. John's

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. John's, Waterbury; St. James's, West Hartford; St. John's, West Hartford; and for the ECCT convention planning committee, convention worship committee, and all who participate in the annual convention.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Église Anglicane du Rwanda.

EYC (youth group) tonight from 5 to 7 p.m. We will do some work to spruce up the Abraham's Welcome garden area and fill the Blessing Box (little free food pantry). Dinner and games are also included. All middle school and high school-aged youth are welcome. Bring an item for the Blessing Box if you can!

Midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Join us every Wednesday for a spoken service of Holy Eucharist in the chancel (the front of the church where the altar is). This brief service is a welcome opportunity to pause and worship during the busy week.

Chili Cook-off, Friday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m. Parishioners of all ages — and friends! — are welcome to this free event. Try one of our chili cook's special recipes and vote for your favorite! If you'd like to contribute chili, contact Stewart Murchie at murchgs@comcast.net. Otherwise, please bring a salad, side, or dessert if you are able. Beverages will be provided. This event is sponsored by the Stewardship Committee as a way to gather the community together and celebrate the ministries we share that are supported by your pledges.

Sandwich making for Loaves and Fishes, Sunday, October 27 after the 10:30 service. Please sign up to provide sandwich fixings or help with set-up at siparish.net/sandwiches.

November book group discussions, November 3 at 12 noon (in-person) or November 7 at 7 p.m. (in **Zoom).** The November book is *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks. We have three copies available in the parish office on a first-come, first-served basis.

Newcomers gathering at the rector's home, Sunday, November 10 at 3 p.m. Are you a relatively new attendee at St. John's? Do you have questions about how and why we do things, or how to get more involved? Do you want to meet more church members? This newcomers gathering is an opportunity to meet people and learn more about this parish community. **Please RSVP to Ellen in the parish office by November 7 at ellen@sjparish.net.**



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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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