

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

October 6, 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.

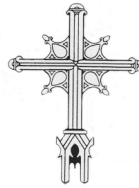
If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to sjparish.net/newcomer



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.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Fantasia from Sonata 18

Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)



Josef Gabriel Rheinberger was an organist and composer from Liechtenstein, residing in Bavaria for most of his life. As court conductor in Munich, he was responsible for the music in the royal chapel and is known for sacred music; works for organ and voice, such as masses; a Christmas cantata; and the motet Abendlied. He also composed two operas, incidental music, secular choral music, two symphonies and other instrumental works, chamber music, and works for organ.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 518 Christ is made the sure foundation
All stand and sing.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

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.



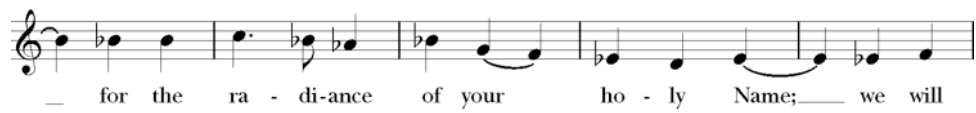
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glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you



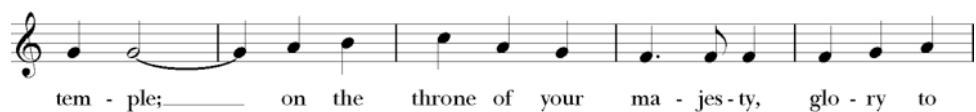
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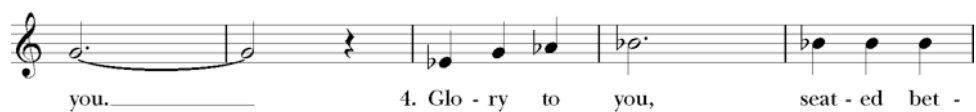
praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.



3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your



tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to



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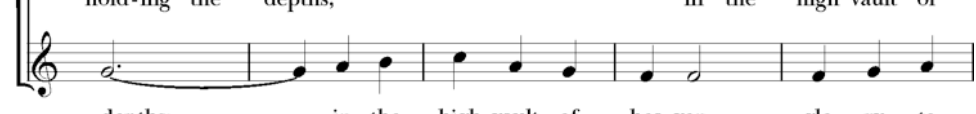
5. Glo - ry to you, be -



5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the



hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of



depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to

Descant

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you Glo-ry to you! high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Setting: John Rutter (b. 1945)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

All sit.

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of

his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 26

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



- 1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 **Test me, O Lord, and try me; ***
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 **I have not sat with the worthless, ***
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 **I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, ***
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 **Lord, I love the house in which you dwell ***
and the place where your glory abides.
- 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, *
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
- 10 **Whose hands are full of evil plots, ***
and their right hand full of bribes.
- 11 As for me, I will live with integrity; *
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.
- 12 **My foot stands on level ground; ***
in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 482 Lord of all hopefulness

SLANE

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:2–16

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

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

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

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 Hurricane Helene, 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 Frances Campagna, 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 We shall walk through the valley

Spiritual
arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904–1989)

We shall walk through the valley in peace;
we shall walk through the valley in peace.

Refrain:

If Jesus himself shall be our leader,
we shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no sorrow there;
there will be no sorrow there. *Refrain*

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 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

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.

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.

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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 Listen, Sweet Dove

Katherine Burk Webb (b. 1990)

Text: George Herbert, 1633, from "Whitsunday"

Listen sweet Dove unto my song, and spread thy golden wings in me;
 hatching my tender heart so long, till it get wing, and flie away with thee.
 The sunne, which once did shine alone, hung down his head, and wisht for night,
 when he beheld twelve sunnes for one going about the world, and giving light.
 Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow, that th'earth did like a heav'n appeare;
 the starres were coming down to know if they might mend their wages, and serve here.
 Lord, though we change, thou art the same; the same sweet God of love and light:
 restore this day, for thy great name, unto his ancient and miraculous right.



Katherine Webb is canon for music at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, Oregon. In that role, she oversees Trinity's robust music program, directing the cathedral's choral ensembles, its Choir School, and its concert series, which often features Trinity's landmark Rosales organ. She is a member of the board of directors of the Royal School of Church Music in America (RSCMA). She also was named to The Diapason's "Twenty Under Thirty" Class of 2019 in recognition of outstanding achievement in the fields of church music and organ performance.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 593 Lord, make us servants of your peace

DICKINSON COLLEGE

All remain seated and sing.

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 397 Now thank we all our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Marche Triomphale on Nun danket alle Gott

Sigfrid Karg Elert (1877–1933)

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Margie Baker

Preacher: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Seminarian Intern: Robin Brown

Layreader: Matteo Donnelly

Psalterer: Virginia Eikel

The St. John's Adult Choir & Choir School

Organist & Choirmaster: Walden Moore

Acolytes: Dorian Ciscel, Selma Waddington, Luke Yelland

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

Livestream Operator: Jenn Baker

Altar Guild: Kate Eikel, Buffy Ineson

Healing Prayer Minister: Jo Ann Sadosky

Nursery Staff: Nichole Segar, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

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

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

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

This Sunday, food is provided by those with last names starting A through F.

Next Sunday, food will be provided by those with last names starting G through L.

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	Bill Reardon	Mindy	Todd
Joanna Jones			

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Ford Gillespie	Douglas Hyland	Susan Murphy Thaxton
Natalie Puzzo	Jerry Goetz	John Nowacki
Peyton Layfield	Barbara Roos	
Jeff Gostyla	Janet Babbitt	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Joe Duffy & Carolyn Callahan

Those who have died:

Frances Campagna, *aunt of Rosa Guzzo*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Trinity, Torrington; Christ Church, Trumbull; Trinity, Trumbull; and for all companion and service animals, and livestock and wild animals, great and small.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

Pet blessing in honor of St. Francis TODAY at 5 p.m. It's time for our annual tradition of honoring St. Francis of Assisi's love of animals with a pet blessing. Bring your pet to St. John's to be blessed by Father Todd today at 5 p.m. We will be outdoors, weather permitting. Please bring your pet on a leash or in a crate for the safety of all.

The St. John's book club returns with both in-person and virtual options. The book club will discuss three books this fall, with an option to meet in-person after a Sunday church service or in Zoom on a Thursday evening. **The first book, *Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler, will be discussed in-person TODAY at noon in the Reception Room, and in Zoom on Thursday, October 10 at 7pm.** The December book discussion will be intergenerational, 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. See full details in the graphic on page 15.

Sign up for a cottage meeting, held at various times and places from October 1 to October 13. St. John's is holding a series of "cottage meetings" during the first two weeks of October in preparation for our upcoming capital campaign. Some meetings will be held in parishioners' homes while others are at church. All parishioners are invited to come discuss what you love about St. John's, and dream together about what God is calling this community to be and do. Each gathering will be about an hour and a half. Light refreshments will be served. Go to sjparish.net/cottagem meetings to sign up for your preferred day and time. Attendance at each meeting is limited, so if your first choice is full, find another one that works for your schedule. If you need help with the online sign-up, call Ellen in the parish office (860-523-5201) and she will sign you up for your preferred time.

TODAY is the deadline to give us your unwanted Christmas décor for upcycling for the Christmas Festival. We will continue to receive donations for the Chic Boutique for a few more weeks—jewelry and accessories (scarves, handbags, belts, ties, etc.) that are in good, sellable condition. Please leave items in the marked box outside the parish office. Mark your calendars for the Christmas Festival on Saturday, December 7 at 10 a.m.

CHILI COOK-OFF & POTLUCK SUPPER

hosted by the Stewardship Committee

Friday, October 25 at 6:30pm




Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend!

An evening of fellowship, great food, and celebration of the ministries that our pledges sustain and grow.

Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

Contact Stewart Murchie (860-965-9171 or murchgs@comcast.net) if you'd like to make chili for the cook-off.



ST. JOHN'S BOOK CLUB

The St. John's Book Club returns! Join other book lovers October-December to discuss a novel with theological flair. We read one book per month, and our December read is for youth and adults. We are offering in-person discussion on Sundays after church and zoom discussions on Thursday evenings.

FALL 2024 NOVELS

October *Parable of the Sower*, Octavia Butler
10/6 at 12pm in person (Reception Room), 10/10 at 7pm in zoom

November *The Secret Chord*, Geraldine Brooks
11/3 at 12pm in person, 11/7 at 7pm in zoom

December *The House in the Cerulean Sea*, TJ Klune
12/1 at 12:00pm in person, 12/5 at 7:00 in zoom

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"Ask the beasts and they will teach you the beauty of this earth." - St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis Day Pet Blessing

Sunday, October 6
5p.m.
at St. John's

In honor of St. Francis's feast day (which is October 4) pets of all kinds and their owners are invited to a brief outdoor service of blessing and thanksgiving for the gifts of creation and our animal companions.



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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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2022–24: Lissie Brooks, Marcos Donnelly, Rosa Guzzo, Mary Honyotski

2023–25: Angela Allen-Peck, John Nowacki, Tom Oberholtzer

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