

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

September 22, 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

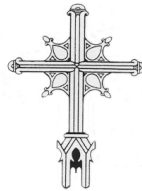


Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

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 Adagio from Symphonie 3

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 665 All my hope on God is founded
All stand and sing.

MICHAEL

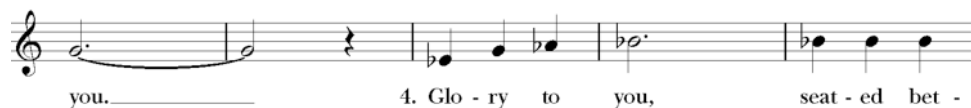
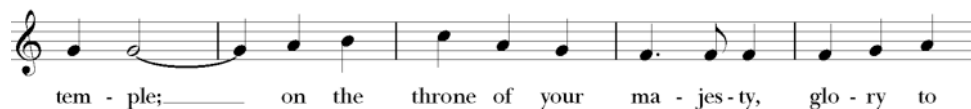
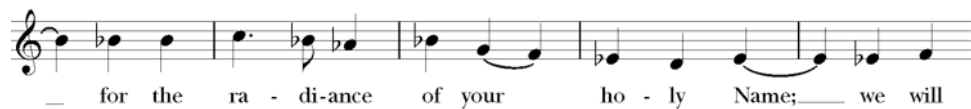
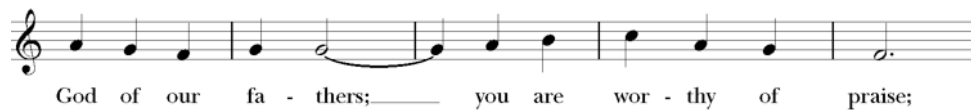
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

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. Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 31:10–31

All sit.

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways

of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 1

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

Hap - py are they — whose de - light is in the law — of the LORD.

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 **Their delight is in the law of the Lord, ***
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 **It is not so with the wicked; ***
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, ***
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee

WER NER DEN LIEBEN GOTT

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:30–37

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

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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 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 Ray Kauczka, 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 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.
The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day.
The darkness and the light to thee are both alike.
God is light and in him is no darkness at all.
O let my soul live and it shall praise thee.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for evermore.
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.



Samuel Sebastian Wesley seemed destined for the life of a church musician, as his middle name was taken from Johann Sebastian Bach. He did not disappoint; in a time when English church music had become less than satisfactory, Wesley was largely responsible for raising the standard through his own work as a composer and organist. In all his music, Wesley strived for an expressive and accessible sound, as evidenced in this anthem. The exquisite Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace remains one of the most-loved anthems in the repertoire.

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, 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 A grateful heart, 1977

Mary Plumstead (1905–1980)
 Words: George Herbert (1593–1632)
Sung by the Choir School

Thou that hast given so much to me,
 Give one thing more, a grateful heart.
 Not thankful when it pleaseth me,
 As if thy blessings had spare days:
 But such a heart, whose pulse may be Thy praise.
 Thou that hast given so much to me,
 Give one thing more, a grateful heart.



Mary Plumstead was born in 1905 in Upper Warlingham, Surrey, England. She was educated at Croydon High School where she studied piano. She was briefly a student at the Royal Academy of Music in London, long enough to complete a degree in aural training and sight singing. A composer and pianist, she also lectured in composition, advocating what she called "self composition." She wrote several large-scale pieces; however, she shone in the small-scale world of songs, part songs, and vocal music of all kinds.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 306 Come, risen Lord

SURSUM CORDA

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 477 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

ENGELBERG

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Allegro maestoso e vivace from Sonata 2

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

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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:** Jane Harris**Psalterer:** Benjamin Clapp**The St. John's Adult Choir & Choir School****Organist & Choirmaster:** Walden Moore**Acolytes:** Caleb Worrell, Eden Baker, Brielle Worrell**Ushers:** Mary Honyotski, Ryan Honyotski, Enid Oberholtzer, Don Polk, Laura Roche**Livestream Director:** Elijah Clapp**Altar Guild:** Jo-Ann Sadosky, Brenda Zanta**Healing Prayer Minister:** Annabel Clapp**Nursery Staff:** Sheryl Simoni, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton**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 thanksgiving for the marriage of Elizabeth McConaughy and George Giannios.

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

This Sunday, food is provided by those with last name starting S through Z.

Next Sunday, food will be provided by the Donnelly family.

*See full details on our new coffee hour process in the announcement on p. 14.***Also happening after the 10:30 service today:**

Make sandwiches for Loaves & Fishes (Hubbard Hall)

Training and lunch for capital campaign cottage meeting facilitators (Reception Room)

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	Bill Reardon		

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Ted Whittemore	Deb Reardon	Manuel Aguiar
Margaret Babbitt	Lilley Hohl	Mary Bainbridge
Eddie Genece	Lindsey Carlisle	Mabel Mani
Anderson Raymond	Gus Murchie	Komi Barrow

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Liz & Andy Marchion
Morgan Hilliard & Sam Kinney

Those who have died:

Ray Kauczka, *father of St. John's member John Kauczka*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. John's, Stamford; Calvary, Stonington; St. Mark's, Storrs; and for all children and children's ministries, and ministries with children with special needs.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of North India (United).

Special service to celebrate Todd FitzGerald's call as our 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 with ice cream and baked treats will follow. The service will also be livestreamed.

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.

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!

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. Please label food if they contain any allergens, such as nuts. 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, 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.

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 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.

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Jazz at the Red Door

NAT REEVES & FRIENDS




Nat Reeves ▪ Benito Gonzalez ▪ Jeff Watts

Friday, September 27 ▪ 7:30pm

- Free admission
- In-person and livestreamed
- Donations welcome (suggested donation: \$20)
- Reception to follow



Music at the
Red Door
reddoormusic.org



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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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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