

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*All Saints Sunday*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*November 3, 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.

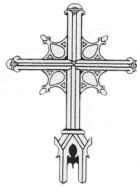
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Our ushers are here to create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. They have hearing assist devices available for those who need them. We're 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    Requiescat in pace  
*May they rest in peace*

Leo Sowerby (1895–1968)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 287    For all the saints, who from their labors rest    SINE NOMINE  
*All stand and sing.*

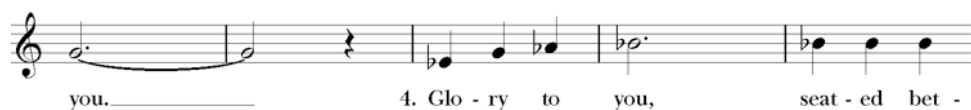
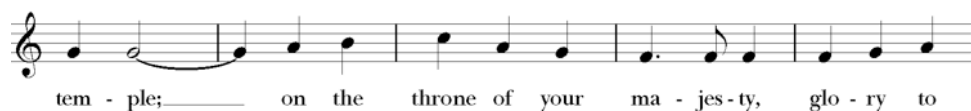
## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

*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

*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. Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 25:6–9*

*All sit.*

**O**n this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

Psalm 24

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

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ever-lasting doors.

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, \*  
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 **For it is he who founded it upon the seas \***  
**and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? \*  
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 **"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \***  
**who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,**  
**nor sworn by what is a fraud.**
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord \*  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- 6 **Such is the generation of those who seek him, \***  
**of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 **"Who is this King of glory?" \***  
**"The Lord, strong and mighty,**  
**the Lord, mighty in battle."**
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 **"Who is he, this King of glory?" \***  
**"The Lord of hosts,**  
**he is the King of glory."**

*Antiphon*

## THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6a

**I** saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated

on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 293 I sing a song of the saints of God

GRAND ISLE

*All stand and sing.*

THE GOSPEL

*John 11:32–44*

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

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

**W**hen Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Margie Baker

*All sit.*

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

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

*Priest* Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

*Priest* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

*Priest* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Priest* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

- People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
- Priest* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**
- Priest* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- All* **Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The people say the words in bold.*

In communion with all the saints and in the name of Jesus, let our prayers ascend to God whose children we are, saying: Hear us, O Holy One.

For the Church and all its people, especially Sean, our presiding bishop; Jeff and Laura, our bishops; and the clergy and members of this parish, that we may daily turn to God for strength, vision, and the courage to be faithful disciples. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For this parish family, that we who share in the heavenly feast may be joined together with those of all times and ages in one body of faith, service, and witness to God. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For a greater awareness of God's work around and within us, that we may see the hand of God in Creation and in those who love us, teach us, forgive us, and call us to be our truest selves. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For all who seek peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine, South Sudan, and other places of war and conflict, that God will grant wisdom and courage to those in authority to lay down the instruments of violence and study war no more. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For our nation in this election week, that God will heal wounded relationships and distrust, and help us to work for a society with justice as its foundation and love as its law. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For all those living in the shadows of fear, violence, and poverty, and all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may be kept safe in the hollow of God's hand. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

In thanksgiving for those who have gone before us in the faith, especially Ginny Flinchbaugh, that we may be inspired by them to greater efforts to live the Gospel and trust in God's gift of salvation. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for the triumph of Christ in the lives of your saints. Receive the prayers we offer this day and make us one with all your saints in the fullness of Christ's body, so that we may rise again to glory with him who is Lord for ever and ever. **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 And I saw a new heaven

Edgar L. Bainton (1880–1956)

Text: Revelation 21:1-4

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:  
 For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea,  
 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven,  
 prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.  
 And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying,  
 Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,  
 and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people,  
 and God himself shall be with them and be their God.  
 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;  
 and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying,  
 neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.



## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>*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.**

*Celebrant* This Holy Eucharist is offered to the glory of God, the people of St. John's Church, and on this All Saints Sunday, to the beloved of this parish who wait for us on the other shore.

Habib Abdo  
 Daniel Adams  
 J. Heywood Alexander  
 Floyd Arena  
 Margaret Ashford  
 Emmy Aziz  
 Thomas Collier Babbitt  
 Theodore Babbitt  
 Margaret Fisher Babbitt  
 Shepherd Baker  
 Margaret Barnes  
 Marshall Barnes  
 Jo Barstow  
 Theresa Bengyak  
 Theodore Borowik  
 Lawrence & Ruth Buckner  
 David W. Burgh  
 Mildred Buttery  
 Carol Byrd  
 Elaine Byrd  
 Patricia A. Chambers  
 Dr. Charles H. Chambers  
 Teresa Chung  
 Damon Burke Clemow  
 Thomas Cloherty  
 Wendy Wright Collins  
 Robert Connolly  
 Gaetano Consiglio  
 Vera Consiglio  
 Rosalyn Davies  
 James Delano  
 David Derby  
 Phyllis Derby  
 Catherine Donnelly  
 Louise Donnelly  
 John Donnelly  
 Katherine Donnelly  
 Khalda Logan Eaton  
 Estrid Eklof  
 Ginny Flinchbaugh  
 Adriana Fantes  
 Ward Farrell  
 Priscilla Houghton Flynn  
 Donald Gavin  
 Steven Goldstein  
 Charles R. Harris

The Rt. Rev. Bradford Hastings  
 Virginia Floyd Hastings  
 Bill & Toni Hutchinson  
 Matilde Iglesias  
 Renee Jacques  
 Suzanne Jacques  
 Alice Pardee Jones  
 Joanna Jones  
 Robert Hemstreet  
 Hugh & Jean Hilliard  
 Jerome Johnston  
 Antonia Kapoli  
 Christopher Kennelly  
 Chung Tai Kim  
 Ann Feeley Kieffer  
 William Kieffer, Jr.  
 William Kieffer, III  
 Beverly Kinney  
 William E. Knorr  
 Robert W. Knorr  
 Ann Koucky  
 Suzanne LaGlenne  
 Elsa M. Lattey  
 Erik F. Lattey  
 Kent Lawrence  
 Hyon Choo Lee  
 Helen Lockery  
 Susan Lockery  
 Robert Lockery  
 Janet Lund  
 Fred Marchion  
 Therese Marchion  
 Peter McNulty  
 Irma McNulty  
 Rennie McQuilkin  
 Nathaniel Molina  
 Edna Monroe  
 Caroline Monroe  
 Arthur Monroe  
 William Moore  
 Tori Moore  
 Bob & Marnie Mueller  
 Caroline Munroe  
 James Musumeci  
 Janet Myers  
 John Myers

Paul, Sarah, & Gretchen  
 Oberholtzer  
 Harriet Odlum  
 Edwin Story Oxner  
 Betty Jo Peck  
 Charles D. & Janet M. Peterson  
 Robert F. & Abbie V.S. Peterson  
 Andrya Ramer  
 Enrique Rangel  
 Tom Reichenbach  
 Mary & Frank Reilly  
 Joan Renz  
 William Riles  
 Sandy Riles  
 David Roben  
 Cornelia Russell  
 Mary Russell  
 John Sawicki  
 Noel Sears  
 Fran & Joe Shaw  
 John Shertzer  
 Robert B. Skeelee  
 Sammy Jean Slough, Sr.  
 Doris & Oscar Sodergren  
 Flora Mary Speer  
 Sallyann Stake  
 Paul Edward Stake  
 David St. George  
 Walter Szwez  
 Dawn Thompson  
 Thomas R. Tight  
 David Trautman  
 George E. & Abbie B. Fredericks  
 Van Siclen  
 Guy Verney  
 Julie Verney  
 The Rev. Elsa P. Walberg  
 William D. Ward  
 Joan Warner  
 George Weinstock  
 Lori Wells  
 The Rev. Michael Wilcox  
 Janet Willard  
 M. Searle Wright  
 Paul Yankey, Jr.  
 Jeanne Yankey  
 Mary Paul Yankey

## 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 in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. 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 MOTET O quam gloriosum Tomás Luis da Vittoria (c.1548–c.1611)  
*Magnificat for All Saints*

O quam gloriosum est regnum,  
in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes Sancti!  
Amicti stolis albis,  
sequuntur Agnum, quocumque ierit.

*O how glorious is the kingdom  
in which all the saints rejoice with Christ,  
clad in robes of white  
they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.*

THE COMMUNION HYMN 253 Give us the wings of faith to rise SAN ROCCO  
*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 618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
*All stand and sing.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Voluntary on Grand Isle Gerre Hancock (1934–2012)

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**THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY****Celebrant:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald**Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Seminarian:** Robin Brown**Layreader:** Matteo Donnelly**Psalterer:** Angie Finkell**The St. John's Adult Choir & Choir School****Organist & Choirmaster:** Walden Moore**Acolytes:** Dorian Ciscel, Atticus Finkell, Selma Waddington**Ushers:** Annabel Clapp, Molly Cooper, Julia O'Brien**Livestream Operator:** Mary Honyotski**Altar Guild:** Bill Lockery, Barbara Roos**Healing Prayer Minister:** Tim Goetz**Nursery Staff:** Sheryl Simoni, Lilah Lorenzo, Caroline Thaxton**Sunday School Teachers:** Audrey Baker, Akilah Williams, Jeff Verney, Leah Lorenzo, Angela Allen-Peck, Margie Baker, Todd FitzGerald**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.

# Prayers on Election Day

St. John's will offer two opportunities to pray together in-person on Tuesday, November 5.

Morning Prayer at 8:00 am  
 Noonday Prayer at 12:00 pm

These brief, simple services are appropriate for all ages. You are welcome to linger and pray afterwards.



**Enter through the red doors**

St. John's Episcopal Church  
 679 Farmington Ave, West Hartford, CT

**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	Tom Tata	Jim & Kathlyn Schofield	Carol
Tracie O'Brien	Timothy Foga	John Scott	Paul Thaxton
Naya	Miriam Myers	Savanna D.	Frank Higginbotham
Bruce Adams	Shoemaker Family	Mindy	Todd
Dennisse Salazar	Ken & Ellie		

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Max Goetz  
 Sydney Sherman  
 Britt Emerick  
 Donielle Joslyn

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Francine & Stephan Christiansen  
 Donald Giustiniani & Kevin Graver

**Those who have died:**

Virginia (Ginny) Flinchbaugh, *member of St. John's*

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Emmanuel, Weston; Christ & Holy Trinity, Westport; and for the health and well-being of persons employed by The Episcopal Church; the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies of The Episcopal Church.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia.

**November book group discussions, TODAY at 12 noon (in-person) or November 7 at 7 p.m. (in Zoom).**

The November book is *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks. The December intergenerational book club will discuss *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by T.J. Klune, and discussions will be held in-person on December 1 and in Zoom on December 5. We have three copies of the book available in the parish office on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Pipes Alive! organ recital, TODAY at 12:30 p.m.** The first Pipes Alive! of this program year will feature Ondrej Hornas. Free admission with donations accepted.

**Christmas Festival planning meeting, TODAY after the 10:30 service.** Whether you've volunteered for previous festivals or are new, please join us to fine-tune plans for this favorite annual event and fundraiser. If you'd like to help but cannot attend the meeting, contact Matteo Donnelly at [mdpsych123@gmail.com](mailto:mdpsych123@gmail.com).

**Midweek contemplative Eucharist, every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the chancel.**

**Commitment Sunday is next week, November 10.** We will be inviting you to bring your 2025 pledge card forward during both services. If you prefer to pledge online on our web site ([sparish.net/pledge](http://sparish.net/pledge)) or through your membership record in Realm, please submit your pledge before next Sunday. Getting everyone's pledges by Commitment Sunday enables the vestry to move forward in the budget process, so they can vote to approve the 2025 budget before the end of the year. Thank you for your generous support!

**Livestream volunteers and ushers needed!** Many church members who cannot get to church every week or at all rely on our **livestream ministry**, and we also have regular online attendees from all over the country. For each Sunday 10:30 service and other major services (Christmas Eve, Holy Week) we need volunteers to run the livestream, and our current volunteer team could use some new members. You do not have to be a tech expert — if you are comfortable with basic computer operation, we can train you! In addition, if you volunteer to livestream a wedding or funeral, you'll be paid! We welcome high school-aged youth as well as adults. Contact Mary Honyotski at [maryhonyotski@gmail.com](mailto:maryhonyotski@gmail.com) for more information. Our **usher ministry** provides vital hospitality and logistical support for worship services, and we need four to six new volunteers to help shore up our teams. Ushers serve about once a month at Sunday 10:30 services, and for special services as their schedule allows. Our team structure provides flexibility if volunteers are unable to serve on one of their team Sundays — but that flexibility requires each team to have six or seven members, and we're currently short of that number. Contact Laura Roche at [ldakeroch@aol.com](mailto:ldakeroch@aol.com) for more information.

**Election Day prayer services at 8 a.m. and 12 noon.** All are welcome to brief services of Morning Prayer and Noonday Prayer on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5. Please enter through the red doors. You are welcome to linger afterward for additional quiet prayer time in the nave.

**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@sparish.net](mailto:ellen@sparish.net).**

**Social/fellowship gatherings coming up in November!** See graphics below for details on our **movie screening** and potluck supper (November 17, 5 to 8 p.m.) and Trivia Night (November 12, 5 to 7 p.m.). For **Trivia Night**, please register through Realm by going to [sparish.net/trivia](http://sparish.net/trivia). No sign-up or registration is required for the movie night and potluck. Both are open to visitors, so bring a friend!

**Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist, Thursday, November 28 at 10 a.m.** Begin your holiday by gathering to worship and give thanks to God in a service with communion and hymns.

**Looking ahead to Christmas...** It will be here before we know it! Please make note of the following projects and events coming up:

- **Stronger Families/Stronger Futures project to support families at Christmas.** This annual project to help parents/caregivers in the Stronger Families/Stronger Futures project purchase gifts and food for their family Christmas celebrations starts **TODAY!** The process is slightly different than the past few years, and there are

several ways to participate. You may select a family's tag from our mini-Christmas tree in Hubbard Hall, and commit to providing that family with a \$100 gift card and children's book by our deadline, OR you may donate money with which we will purchase gift cards (cash or check written to St. John's), OR you may donate a children's or YA book. See the graphic on page 19 for full details.

- **Wreath decorating night, Thursday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. in Hubbard Hall.** All parish adults are invited to help decorate fresh evergreen wreaths to be sold at the Christmas Festival. We provide the supplies (although we welcome volunteers to bring hot glue guns, gloves, and shears if you have them), along with snacks and beverages.
- **Christmas Festival, Saturday, December 7 at 10 a.m.** One of two major annual fundraisers, the festival is a beloved tradition at St. John's. Mark your calendar to attend, and attend today's planning meeting after the 10:30 service or contact Matteo Donnelly at [mdpsych123@gmail.com](mailto:mdpsych123@gmail.com) if you can help!



## Newcomers Gathering

All newcomers are invited! Whether you've come to church just a few times or have been attending for a while, if you're still getting to know what St. John's is all about, please join us for an informal gathering where you can meet people and learn more about the church's mission and ministries. If you can't make this one, we will hold another one in the new year.

**Sunday, November 10**


**3pm**

**at the rector's home**

**46 Ironwood Road, West Hartford**

**Please RSVP to Ellen in the parish office by November 7**  
**[ellen@sjparish.net](mailto:ellen@sjparish.net)**





# 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*, T.J. Klune**  
 12/1 at 12:00pm in person, 12/5 at 7:00 in zoom

LOOK FOR THE ZOOM LINK IN OUR WEEKLY E-NEWS. NOT ON OUR EMAIL LIST? SIGN UP AT [SJPARISH.NET](http://SJPARISH.NET).



# Movie Screening & Potluck Supper

at St. John's Episcopal Church  
 679 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford

## Sunday, November 17 5 to 8 p.m.



*Gather in Hubbard Hall to watch The Philadelphia Eleven, the story of the first women ordained as priests in the Episcopal Church. If you're able, bring a main dish, side, or dessert to share! This event is open to all. Bring a friend!*

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH PRESENTS

# TRIVIA NIGHT FOR EVERYONE



**SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 24  
5-7 PM  
HUBBARD HALL**

**FUNDRAISER FOR  
DIGNITY GROWS!!**

Bring a team, or join one when you arrive. Questions range from pop culture to Scripture and beyond. This family-friendly event is open to kids, youth, young adults, adults—in short, everyone!

This is a free event, AND we're raising money for Dignity Grows, a locally-based nonprofit ([dignitygrows.org](http://dignitygrows.org)). Suggested donation of \$10/person, cash or check.

Pizza and soft drinks provided. Bring a snack or sweet to share, or just come and enjoy! Register at [sjparish.net/trivia](http://sjparish.net/trivia)

As you plan ahead by pledging for 2025, please also remember to complete your 2024 pledge! While pledge payments are often concentrated at the beginning and end of the year, we need healthy cash flow all year to support this thriving parish.

Thank you!



If you're not sure what you owe for your 2024 pledge, check your giving record in Realm, or contact Peggy O'Toole, financial administrator, at [peggy@sjparish.net](mailto:peggy@sjparish.net) or 860.523.5201 x 311.

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FAMILIES

St. John's will once again support Hartford Healthcare's Stronger Families/Stronger Futures program by helping participating families celebrate the holidays. There are three ways to participate:

**Choose a family's tag off our tabletop tree at coffee hour any Sunday from 11/3 to 12/1 (while the tags last), and return a \$100 gift card and a children's book for that family to the church.** The tag will include the number and ages of children, and their preferred retailer (Walmart, Target, etc.). Please return the gift card and book, with the tag, by **Sunday, December 8**. You may hand them to a volunteer staffing the coffee hour table or drop them at the church office by the deadline.

**OR**

**Donate any amount (cash or check written to St. John's), and we will purchase gift cards as needed for participating families.** You may give your donation to a volunteer staffing the coffee hour table, or put it in an envelope (clearly marked for this project) and put it in the offering plate or mail to the office. We apologize that we cannot accept credit card donations for this project.

**OR**

**Donate a new children's or YA book** by placing it in the marked bin outside the office door.

### **DEADLINE: SUNDAY 12/8**

**Questions? Contact Beth Kauczka, [bkauczka@gmail.com](mailto:bkauczka@gmail.com)**

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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

## STAFF

The Rev. Todd FitzGerald (todd@sjparish.net) .....	<i>Rector</i>
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## VESTRY

Eleanor Barnes.....	<i>Warden</i>
Stewart Murchie.....	<i>Warden</i>
Anne Harney and David McCary .....	<i>Co-Treasurers</i>

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