

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

October 27, 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.

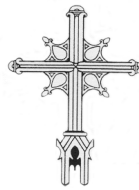
If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to sjparish.net/newcomer



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 Prelude on Amazing Grace

George Shearing (1919–2011)



Sir George Albert Shearing OBE was a British jazz pianist who for many years led a popular jazz group that recorded for Discovery Records, MGM Records, and Capitol Records. Shearing was the composer of more than 300 songs, including the jazz standards Lullaby of Birdland and Conception, and had multiple albums on the Billboard charts from the 1950s to the 1980s.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 410 Praise my soul, the King of heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

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.



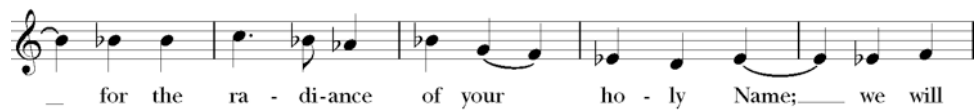
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glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you



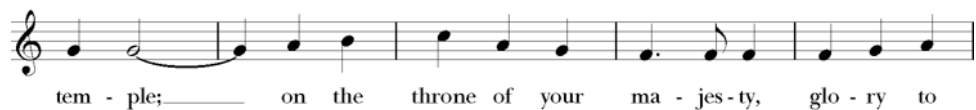
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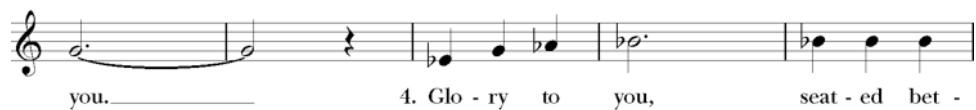
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.



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

Descant



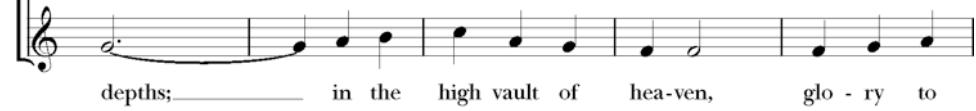
5. Glo - ry to you, be -



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



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

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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

All sit.

Job answered the Lord: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes." And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After

this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

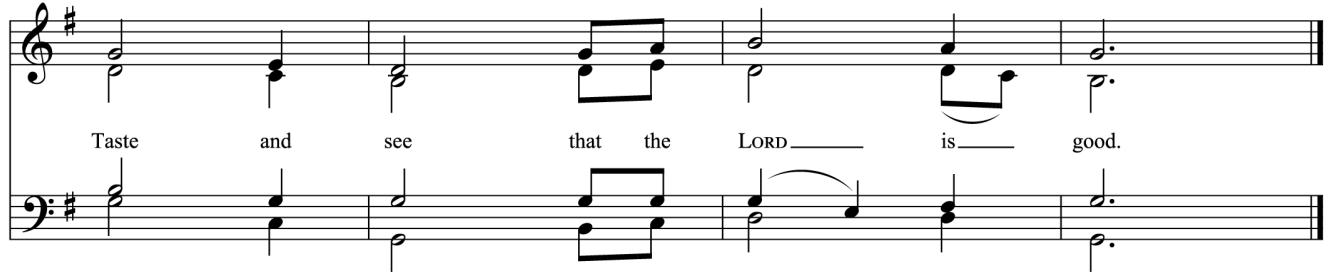
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 34:1–8

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



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 **I will glory in the Lord; ***
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 **I sought the Lord, and he answered me ***
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 **I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me ***
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 **Taste and see that the Lord is good; ***
happy are they who trust in him!

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 7:23–28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 671 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
All stand and sing.

NEW BRITAIN

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:46–52

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

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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.

Let us cry out to God through our great high priest, Jesus the Son of David, saying: Hear us and help us, O Holy One.

For the Church: especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Sean, our presiding bishop-elect; Jeff and Laura, our bishops; our parish clergy; and all of God's people, that we may experience Christ's call and move from darkness into greater light. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For the people of St. John's, that we who have received mercy and healing from Jesus may lovingly extend the same to others. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For all who are searching for God, that their eyes and hearts may be opened to the many signs of God's love for them. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For this nation as we approach Election Day, that we may listen less to harsh rhetoric and more to God's call to walk in the way of love. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For greater respect for God's work of creation, that we may always be mindful that the earth is God's gift to us, and we are responsible for its care. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For all who are blinded by fear and prejudice, for those isolated from their communities, and for all in need of our prayers, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may receive abundant welcome, love, and healing. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For our search for a new music director, that God will grant us wisdom, faithfulness, patience, and joy, and that we may hear God's voice in all our deliberations as we seek a faithful director who will nurture our music ministry and further God's mission at St. John's. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For those who have died, that they may rejoice with songs of joy in God's eternal presence. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

Celebrant God of compassion, hear the prayers we offer this day and restore our vision that we may see and embrace the faith that makes us well, and follow Christ on the way that leads to eternal life, who with you and the Holy Spirit are One God, living and true. **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 *Jesu dulcis memoria* Tomás Luis da Vittoria (c.1548–c.1611)
A translation of the Latin text may be found at hymn 642



Tomás Luis da Vittoria was the most famous Spanish composer of the Renaissance. He stands with Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina and Orlande de Lassus as among the principal composers of the late Renaissance, and was admired for the intensity of some of his motets. His surviving work, unlike that of his colleagues, is almost exclusively sacred and polyphonic vocal music, set to Latin texts. As a Catholic priest, as well as an accomplished organist and singer, his career spanned both Spain and Italy. However, he preferred the life of a composer to that of a performer.

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 If ye love me

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505–1585)

Text: John 14:15–17

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may bide with you for ever, ev'n the spirit of truth.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 324 Humbly I adore thee

ADORO DEVOTE

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 535 Ye servants of God, your master proclaim

PADERBORN

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Carillon du Longpont, op. 31, no. 21

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Preacher:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald**Seminarian:** Robin Brown**Layreader:** Jyothsna Diaz**Psalterer:** Patrick Reardon**The St. John's Adult Choir****Organist & Choirmaster:** Walden Moore**Acolytes:** Jx Eikel, Jayden Donnelly, Mason Donnelly, Zeke Latif**Ushers:** Matt Ciscel, Ellen Flynn, Erica Weinstock, Wes Winterbottom**Livestream Operator:** Ray Giolitto**Altar Guild:** Jo-Ann Sadosky, Brenda Zanta**Healing Prayer Minister:** Chris Byrd**Nursery Staff:** Nichole Segar, Lilah Lorenzo, Livvy Lorenzo**Sunday School Teachers:** Audrey Baker, Robert Eikel, Margie Baker, Donielle Joslyn**Join us for coffee hour in Hubbard Hall after the service!**

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

Please join us in Hubbard Hall for coffee hour and to make sandwiches for Loaves & Fishes.

Cottage Meeting/Capital Campaign Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in our capital campaign cottage meetings during the first two weeks of October! We had great participation, and received a lot of helpful and inspiring feedback on what's going well at St. John's and where God might be calling us in the future. The capital campaign team is now reviewing all of the meeting notes. That review will inform the next stage of the capital campaign process — the development of a "case statement." A case statement expresses our specific hopes for where St. John's is heading, based on the common themes and ideas that arose in the cottage meetings. In early 2025, we will move into the "feasibility study" stage of the capital campaign, where we will determine how much money this congregation has the capacity to raise. With the case statement and feasibility study guiding us, we will then decide on a dollar-amount goal for the campaign, and name the specific projects/purposes that campaign proceeds will fund. Our campaign co-chairs, Eleanor Barnes and Virginia Van Dyk, will work with Todd, the staff, and the vestry, as well as our capital campaign consultant, to accomplish these next steps and keep the congregation informed along the way.

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
Bruce Adams	Miriam Myers	Mindy	Todd

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Ben Mabrey	Robert Caldwell	Christine Doty
Jean Mitchell	Colin Gillespie	Eti Akpan
Megan Freeman	Savannah Marchion	
Young Hee Derby	Morgan Roche	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Susie & Ross Hatch
Ann Hutchinson & Dan Lazarowski
Marcos & Matteo Donnelly

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Holy Spirit, West Haven; St. Paul's, Westbrook; and for Diocesan Episcopal Church Women, Diocesan Altar Guild, local ECW chapters, and parish altar guilds.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church.

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

Livestream volunteers needed! Our livestream ministry continues to be important to many in our community, even now that we're past the days of "Covid lockdown." Many church members who cannot get to church every week or at all rely on the livestream video, and we 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 for more information.

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

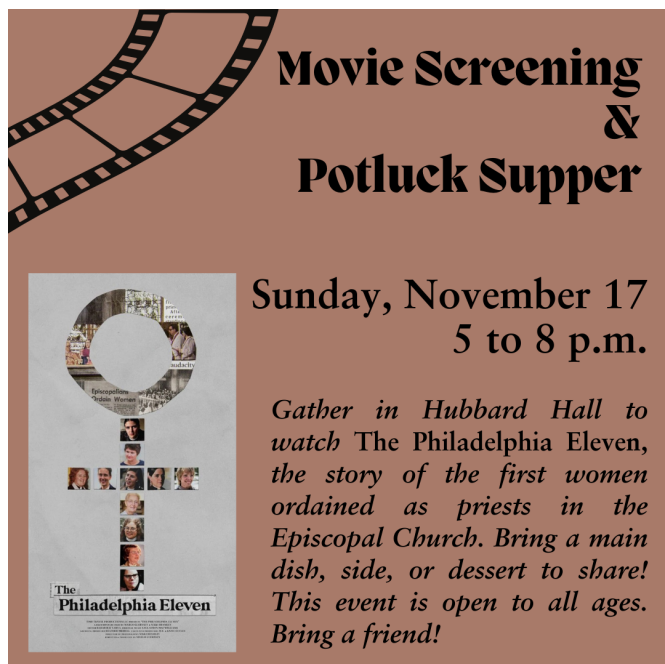
Pipes Alive! organ recital, Sunday, November 3 at 12:30 p.m. The first Pipes Alive! of this program year will feature Ondrej Hornas. Free admission with donations accepted.

Christmas Festival planning meeting, Sunday, November 3 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.

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

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.


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 24, 5 to 7 p.m.). For Trivia Night, please register through Realm by going to sjparish.net/trivia. No sign-up or registration is required for the movie night and potluck.



Movie Screening & Potluck Supper

**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. Bring a main dish, side, or dessert to share! This event is open to all ages. 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). 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



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



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

LOOK FOR THE ZOOM LINK IN OUR WEEKLY E-NEWS. NOT ON OUR EMAIL LIST? SIGN UP AT SJPARISH.NET.

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.



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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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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