

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

November 17, 2024

10:30 a.m.

THE SONG OF PRAISE Glory to you

All sing.



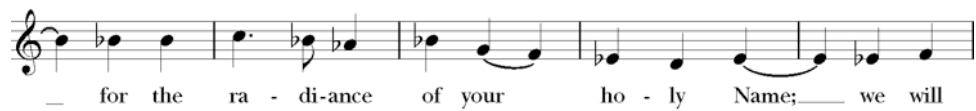
1. Glo - ry to you, Lord



God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;



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



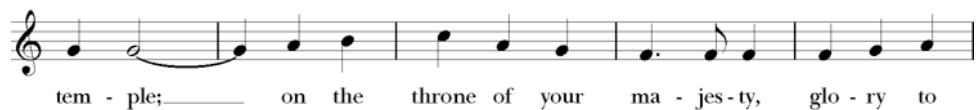
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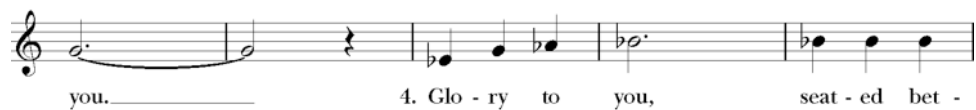
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.



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



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



you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -



ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and



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

Descant



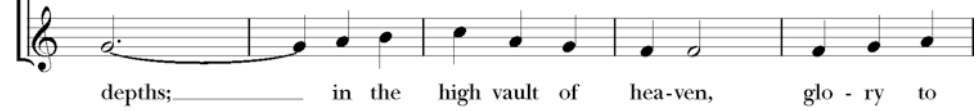
5. Glo - ry to you, be -



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



hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of



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

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. Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 1:4–20

All sit.

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head." As she continued

praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

1 Samuel 2:1-10

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

The image shows a musical score for a two-part setting of the antiphon. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The melody is simple and homophonic. The lyrics are written below the notes: "There is none to be compared to you, our God." The word "There" is under a quarter note, "is" under a quarter note, "none" under a quarter note, "to" under a quarter note, "be" under a quarter note, "com - pared" under a quarter note, "to" under a quarter note, "you," under a quarter note, "our" under a quarter note, and "God." under a quarter note. The music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Hannah prayed and said,
 "My heart exults in the Lord;
 my strength is exalted in my God.

**My mouth derides my enemies,
 because I rejoice in my victory.**

There is no Holy One like the Lord,
 no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

**Talk no more so very proudly,
 let not arrogance come from your mouth;**

for the Lord is a God of knowledge,
 and by him actions are weighed.

**The bows of the mighty are broken,
 but the feeble gird on strength.**

Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
 but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

**The barren has borne seven,
 but she who has many children is forlorn.**

The Lord kills and brings to life;
 he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

**The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low, he also exalts.**

He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,

**to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.**

For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,
and on them he has set the world.

**He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail.**

The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.

**The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed."**

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:11–14, 19–25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 665 All my hope on God is founded

MICHAEL

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 13:1–8

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

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

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us,

when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Margie Baker

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

**We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people say the words in bold.

As we wait for the day of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God through Jesus who is our refuge and our hope, saying: *Hear us, O Holy One.*

For the Church: especially for Sean, our presiding bishop; Jeff and Laura, our bishops; our parish clergy; and all of God's people, that through our deeds of compassion and our faithful witness, we may be a light in times of confusion and turmoil. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For this parish family, that we may recognize the signs of the times and respond to God's presence and call each day. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For all those who live daily amid bloodshed and violence, that they may be strong in the face of oppression, and that we all may work diligently for the establishment of peace and justice. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For the gift of hope, that no matter what challenges we face, we may remain confident that with God all things are possible. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For those experiencing anguish of body, mind and spirit, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may find hope in Christ's words and help from Christ's followers. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For those who have died, remembering especially Paul Jacques, that they may awake to everlasting life and shine like the stars for all eternity. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

Celebrant God of all times and places, hear the prayers we offer this day and grant us grace to hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, in the assurance of your faithfulness, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever 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 Behold the tabernacle of God

William H. Harris (1883–1973)

Text: based on Revelation 21:3

Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and the Spirit, the Spirit of God dwelleth within you.
 For the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.
 For the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity.
 Alleluia



William Henry Harris was born in London and became a chorister at Holy Trinity, Tulse Hill. At the age of 14, he took up a “flexible” position as assistant organist at St. David’s Cathedral in Wales under Herbert Morris, followed at 16 by a scholarship to the Royal College of Music. His teachers there were Sir Walter Parratt, Charles Wood, and Henry Walford Davies. Harris was the piano teacher to both the young princesses Elizabeth and Margaret when he was organist of St. George’s, Windsor.

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 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 Come, renew us

Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

Text: David Adam

Come, Lord, come to us. Enter our darkness with your light,
Fill our emptiness with your presence,
Come, refresh, restore, renew us.
In our sadness come as joy, in our troubles, come as peace,
In our fearfulness, come as hope, in our darkness, come as light,
In our frailty, come as strength, in our loneliness, come as love,
Come, refresh, restore, renew us.



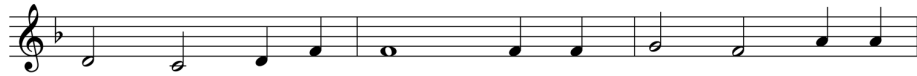
Eleanor Daley is a Canadian composer, performer, and accompanist. She received her bachelor of music degree in organ performance from Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario, and holds diplomas in both organ and piano from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto and Trinity College in England. She has been the director of music at Fairlawn Heights United Church in Toronto since 1982. During that time, she has established a thriving choral program for which much of her choral music has been composed. This lovely anthem was commissioned for Christ Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Stuart Forster, director of music and organist, in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the dedication of the church, 2011.

THE COMMUNION HYMN Lord, whose love through humble service

BEACH SPRING

All remain seated and sing.

1. Lord, whose love in hum - ble serv - ice Bore the
 2. Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the
 3. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till your
 4. Called from wor - ship in - to serv - ice Forth in



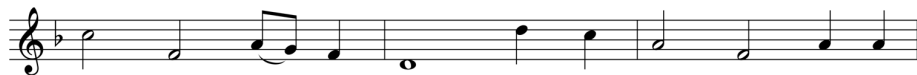
weight of hu - man need, Who did on the Cross for -
 hun - gry cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for
 love's re - veal - ing light, Till the height and depth and
 your great name we go, To the child, the youth, the



sak - en, Show us mer - cy's per - fect deed;
 free - dom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
 great - ness Dawns up - on our hu - man sight:
 a - ged, Love in liv - ing deeds to show;



We, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship Not of
 As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion Healed the
 Mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens Your com -
 Hope and health, good - will and com - fort, Coun - sel,



voice a - lone, but heart: Con - se - crat - ing to your
 sick and freed the soul, Use the love your Spir - it
 pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring us to faith - ful
 aid, and peace we give That your chil - dren, Lord, in



pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
 serv - ice, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
 free - dom, May your mer - cy know and live.

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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 48 O day of radiant gladness ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN
All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Prelude in F Fanny Mendelssohn-Hensel (1805–1847)

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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: Jane Harris

Psalterer: Bobby Eikel

The St. John's Adult Choir & Choir School

Organist & Choirmaster: Walden Moore

Acolytes: Caleb Worrell, Brielle Worrell, Selma Waddington, Zeke Latif

Ushers: Robin Brown, John Roche, Laura Roche, Don Polk

Livestream Operator: Elijah Clapp

Altar Guild: Jo-Ann Sadosky, Brenda Zanta

Healing Prayer Minister: David Grimaldi

Nursery Staff: Sheryl Simoni, Lilah Lorenzo, Livvy Lorenzo

Sunday School Teachers: Audrey Baker, 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 memory of Wendy Wright Collins, Elsa M. Lattey, Erik F. Lattey, Andrya Ramer, and Margaret Rehm Rothschild.

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

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

Leftover chili in the freezer for the taking!

There are several quarts of chili leftover from the October 25 chili cook-off in the freezer. We need to clear out our freezer for the upcoming Christmas Festival soup sale, so please take a quart or two of chili if you'd like. Any chili left behind will be discarded this week.

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	Mindy	Frank Higginbotham
Bruce Adams	Shoemaker Family	Eric Zoltan	Todd
Dennisse Salazar	Ken & Ellie	Elizabeth Myers	Fred Mascola

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Rick Joslyn	Erica Williams	Matt Ciscel
Keitha Campo	Grant McAuslan	Jaime Patten
Merriol Almond	Stella Spletstoesser	Margaret Smith

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Mary & Spencer Sloan
Pat & Alex Vance

Those who have died:

Paul Jacques, *brother of St. John's member Richard Jacques*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Paul's, Windham; Grace Church, Windsor; Grace Church, Yantic; and for ministries with older adults, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and the Daughters of the King.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

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

Social/fellowship gatherings in November! See graphics on the following pages for details on our **movie screening and potluck supper** (TODAY from 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. Both are open to visitors, so bring a friend!

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 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 for more information.

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.

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 is underway. The process is slightly different than the past few years, and there are several ways to participate. You may select a child's tag from our mini Christmas tree in Hubbard Hall, and commit to providing that child's 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.

Help us prepare for another successful Christmas Festival. The annual Christmas Festival fundraiser is coming up on Saturday, December 7. We'll need many hands on deck that day; watch for a sign-up to come. For now, please consider helping us get ready by supporting one or more of the following projects:

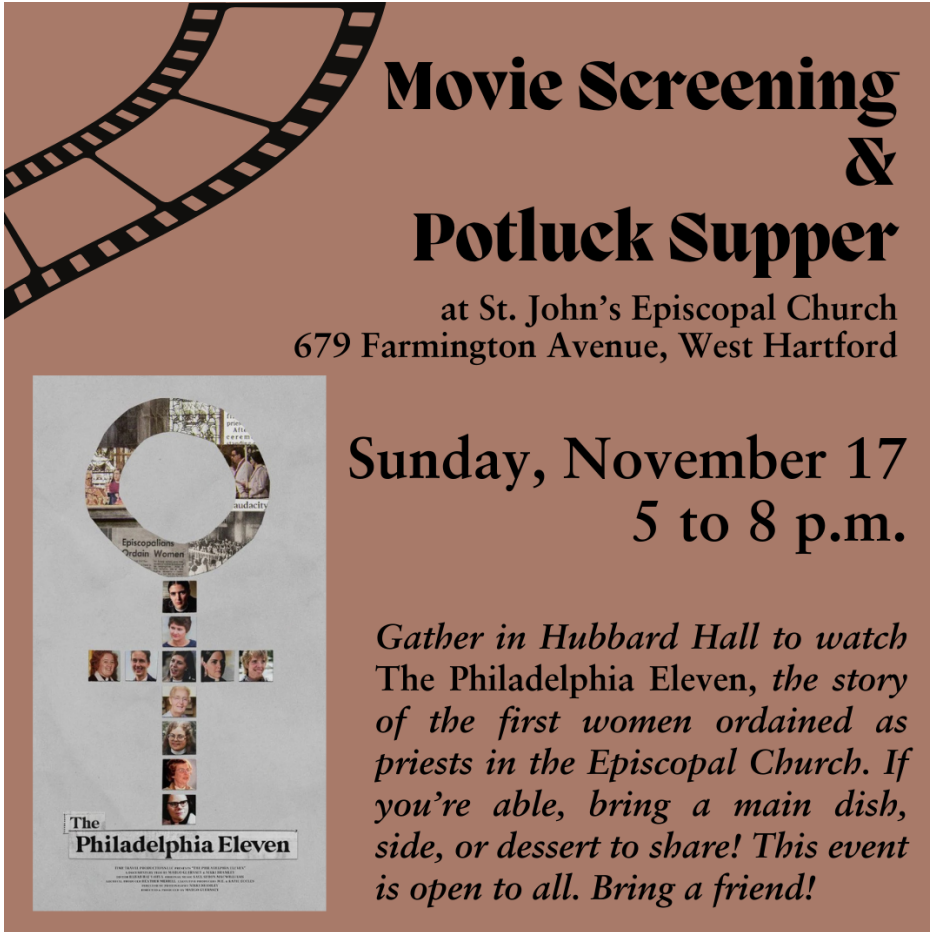
- **Online auction donations welcome!** We will once again offer a small online auction in conjunction with the Christmas Festival. Popular auction items include time at a vacation home, tickets to special events, and high-quality items suitable for gift giving. If you have an idea for an auction item you'd like to donate, contact Marcos Donnelly at wpbjmar@gmail.com or Lissie Brooks at lissiebrooks@gmail.com.
- **Make soup to be sold at the festival.** A favorite festival tradition involves having church members make large batches of one of three signature soup recipes (turkey chili, clam chowder, or vegetarian smoky tomato). The soups are sold in frozen quarts, which make for handy meals for holiday company or busy December weeknights, and are also sold by the bowl in our Festival Café. If you would like to help out by making a few quarts, please contact Lindsey Carlisle at smclbc@comcast.net for the recipes. We will have quart containers and ready-made labels available to pick up in the church kitchen by Monday, November 18. The church kitchen is available for larger batch cooking; please consult with the parish office to schedule a time. Please deliver soups to the church kitchen freezer by Thursday, December 5.
- **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). Bring a snack or beverage to share if you'd like.

Important information for youth: Confirmation class and Camas pilgrimage. If you are or have a youth in 7th through 12th grade, please read on:

- **Confirmation class in January and February.** Youth in 7th through 12th grade are invited to attend confirmation class with Todd FitzGerald at noon (after the 10:30 service) on 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, and 2/9, along with an extended (non-overnight) retreat on Friday evening, February 21 (6 to 9 p.m.) and Saturday, February 22 (9 a.m. to noon). Confirmation with the bishop will be at St. John's on **Sunday, February 23**. Contact Todd at todd@sjparish.net with questions or to sign up.
- **Youth pilgrimage to Camas, Scotland** in June 2025 for high schoolers — those entering 9th grade in the fall of 2025 through those graduating in June 2025. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due by December 1. Contact Todd at todd@sjparish.net or Ellen at ellen@sjparish.net.

A few notes on pledging and online pledge payments:

- **Even as we gather pledges for 2025, we need to continue to receive your 2024 pledge payments so we can pay our bills for the rest of this year!** Pledge statements went out by email in October and we will send another round in early December. You may also check your Realm account or call the parish office if you're not sure how much the unpaid balance of your 2024 pledge is.
- **If you haven't yet submitted a pledge for 2025,** you may do so in several ways: **Blank pledge cards and envelopes** are available at either entrance to the church, and can be mailed or placed in the offering plate. **You may pledge online** at sjparish.net/pledge or via your online Realm account. The sooner you submit your 2025 pledge, the easier it will be for the vestry to pass a realistic budget before the end of the year.
- **If you pay your pledge via recurring online gifts set up in Realm,** please make sure to login to switch the target fund from the *2024 Annual Pledge Fund* to the *2025 Annual Pledge Fund* once your 2024 pledge is fully paid and you want your recurring gifts to be applied to 2025.



**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!





This list includes pledges received as of Tuesday, November 12.
The names of *new pledgers* are in italics.

June Aziz, Janet & Brad Babbitt, Mary & Bob Bainbridge, Audrey & Kyle Baker, Margie & Jenn Baker, Eleanor & Jack Barnes, Wendy & Richard Bartlett, Marian & David Beers, Eloise Biscoe, Shirley Blean, Carlos Branco & Allison Tichy, Rachel Boccio, *Paula Bokros*, Lissie & Lynn Brooks, *Robin Brown*, Kim & Chris Byrd, Keitha & Kevin Campo, Betsy & Greg Chicares, Alina & Matt Ciscel, Elijah Clapp & Annabel Trickett-Clapp, Kate Coley, Edith Connolly, Molly Cooper, *Ruth Crespi*, Steve Crocker & Rosa Guzzo, Young Hee & Dave Derby, Pam Dimock, Christine Doty, Hope & Bill Eakins, Nancy Eaton, Jx Eikel, Kate & Robert Eikel, Virginia Eikel, Karan & Geoff Emerick, Susan Fay & Craig Ahmer, Martha Fine, Amy & Todd FitzGerald, Ellen & Ben Flynn, Margaret & Mark Goad, Tim Goetz, Anne & Craig Grant, *Kevin Graver & Donald Giustiniani*, Liana Guzman & Nicole Douillet, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Anne Harney, Cisalee Harrell, Jane Harris, Patricia & Ronald Hensley, Jenn & Ryan Hill, Bob Hoffman, Mary & Ryan Honyotski, Frisha Hugessen, Ann Hutchinson, Tita & Douglas Hyland, Buffy & John Ineson, Richard Jacques, Dianne Jones, Donielle & Rick Joslyn, Iacovos Katsipis & Carla Abdo-Katsipis, Beth & John Kauczka, Mary Jo & Bert Keating, Jeffrey Kinney & Rebecca Bourret, Betty Knorr, Bill Lockery, Liz & Andy Marchion, Bill McBride, Patrick Miller, Leah & Stewart Murchie, Enid & Tom Oberholtzer, Julia & Jim O'Brien, Nancy Pedersen, Agnes & Billy Peelle, Deb & Bill Reardon, Rai Reyes, Laura & John Roche, Barbara & Peter Roos, *Lynn & Peter Russell*, Jo-Ann Sadosky, Susie & Mark Sarkisian, Nancy Skeele, Carol & Charles Sonne, Dale & Christoph Stretz, John Swift & Lauren Mascola, Bowie Thomas, Sera & Abraham Thomas, Pat & Alex Vance, Anne & John Walsh, *Tim Watt & Amity Gai*, *Sara & Patrick Wigmore*, John Wilcox & Virginia Van Dyk, Taffy Wilcox, Wes Winterbottom, *Nancy Wright*

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

HOLY DARKNESS, HOLY LIGHT

Monday Night Bible Study
November 25-December 23

Darkness can be a place of fear, but it can also be a place of rest, wonder, and growth. Join us this Advent as we explore stories and psalms about night and darkness in Scripture. As always, there is no preparation and there are no one-size-fits-all answers.

Come wonder with us!

Monday nights at 7pm in zoom. If you have questions, or if you would like to be added to our emails, contact margie@sjparish.net

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

Join our brand new

KITCHEN GUILD

The church kitchen gets a lot of use by both church members and outside groups. We're forming a Kitchen Guild to improve kitchen organization, manage supplies, and improve communication with everyone who uses the kitchen. The guild will meet once in December to assess needs and make plans. We expect that once an initial reorganization is complete, the Kitchen Guild will meet a few times annually to reorganize, clean out, and see how things are going. Contact Kate Eikel at kate.eikel@gmail.com if you'd like to join.



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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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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