

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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## *The Second Sunday after the Epiphany*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II – JAZZ EUCHARIST

*January 19, 2025*

*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](http://sjparish.net/newcomer)

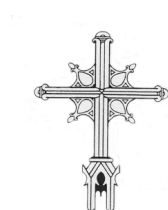


Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

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

Children are always welcome to be in church with their families. We encourage you to sit up front, as children will be more engaged if they can see and hear what's going on. Children are welcome here just as they are; please don't feel you must leave every time your little one makes a sound! We have children's bulletins, books, and other quiet activities available in the narthex (the entrance with the red doors) for children's use during the service. Our professionally staffed nursery located in the Education Wing is open on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Parents/caregivers are welcome to drop off children in the nursery for part or all of the service. The Education Wing and nursery also have changing tables and seating that parents/caregivers may use as needed.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY    Just a Closer Walk with Thee  
    Come Sunday  
    Down By the Riverside

*The Hot Cat Jazz Band*

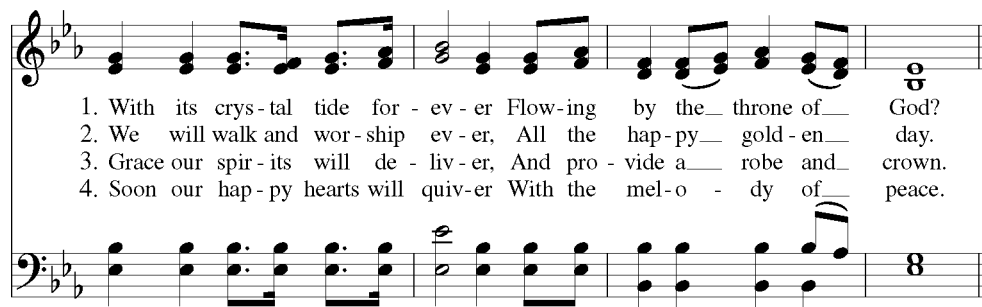
*Our music today is led by the Hot Cat Jazz Band, a local band that specializes in jazz worship and does many of these services throughout Connecticut every year. We hope you enjoy (and participate in!) this energizing style of worshipping God through music.*

## THE OPENING HYMN Shall we gather at the river

## SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

*All stand and sing.*

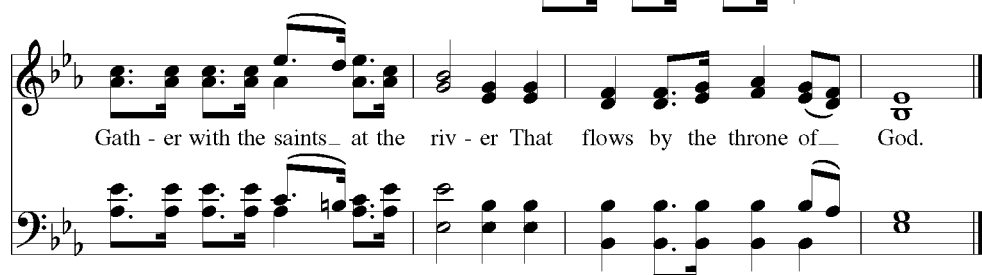

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod;—  
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,—  
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;—  
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease,—



1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?  
 2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.  
 3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.  
 4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

Words and music:

Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

## 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE 599 Lift every voice and sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 62:1-5**All sit.*

**F**or Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 36:5-10**The people say the words in bold and sing the antiphon as indicated.*

- 5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, \*  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,**  
**your justice like the great deep; \***  
**you save both man and beast, O Lord.**
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! \*  
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 **They feast upon the abundance of your house; \***  
**you give them drink from the river of your delights.**
- 9 For with you is the well of life, \*  
and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \*  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

*Antiphon*

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:1–11

**N**ow concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN How great thou art, vv. 1 & 4

TRADITIONAL SWEDISH FOLK TUNE

*All stand and sing.*

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der Con-sid-er  
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion And take me

1. all the worlds\* thy hands have made, I see the stars I hear the roll-ing\*  
4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

1. thun-der, Thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played.  
4. ra-tion, And there pro-claim, my God how great thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior, God, to Thee: How great Thou

art, — how great Thou art! — Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

Thee: — How great Thou art, — how great Thou art! —

Words: Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989)

Music: Traditional Swedish folk tune/adapt. Stuart K. Hine

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## THE GOSPEL

*John 2:1-11*

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

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

**O**n the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*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 worship the Savior with joy and make our prayers to God.

The magi came from the east to worship your Son: Grant to Christians everywhere the spirit of worship and a readiness to seek and follow you always. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The infant Christ received gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh: Accept the offering of our hearts and minds as we strive to faithfully follow Jesus in the year ahead. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ: Grant an abundance of peace to your world and strengthen all peacemakers, especially in the Holy Land, Ukraine, Sudan, and all places of turmoil and conflict. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

God sends prophets and peacemakers to call us to greater love and justice: In the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., whose birthday we celebrate this weekend, grant us the privilege of being part of the world's regeneration, and make us children of light, the kind of people for whose coming and ministry the world is waiting. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The Holy Family lived in exile and in the shadow of death: Look in mercy on all who are poor and powerless, and comfort and be present to all who suffer, especially those on our parish prayer list. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son shared the life of his home and family in Nazareth: Protect in your love our neighbors, especially those affected by the California wildfires, our families, and this community of which we are a part. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus reigns with you in eternal life: Welcome those who have died into your realm of everlasting love and peace. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* God, we rejoice in our fellowship with the shepherds, the angels, the magi, Mary and Joseph, and all the faithful departed. In your unfailing love for us and for all people, hear and answer our prayers through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **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 A Repeating Alleluia

Calvin Hampton (1938–1984)



*(George) Calvin Hampton was a leading American organist and sacred music composer. From 1963 to 1983, Hampton was organist and choirmaster at Calvary Episcopal Church in Manhattan. His Fridays at Midnight organ recital series, which ran from 1974 to 1983, was among the most well-known and popular organ recital series in American history, where he permitted the audience to sit next to the console, collected donations in an organ pipe, and served warm apple cider. Before Hampton's death, Erik Routley, an authority on church music, called Hampton "the greatest living composer of hymn tunes."*



## 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.**

## 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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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: Robert Powell (b. 1932)**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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
 take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.  
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*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 volunteer, go to the baptismal font at the back of the church after receiving Communion.*

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Precious lord, take my hand Text: Thomas A. Dorsey (1899–1993)  
 Music: Thomas A. Dorsey; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (1935–2009)

THE COMMUNION HYMN This little light of mine

*All remain seated and sing.*

1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it  
 2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it  
 3. Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon - na let it

Oh

1. shine, This lit - tle light of mine,  
 2. shine, Ev - 'ry - where I go,  
 3. shine, Je - sus gave it to me,

Oh

1. I'm gon - na let it shine; \_\_\_\_\_ This lit - tle light of  
 2. I'm gon - na let it shine; \_\_\_\_\_ Ev - 'ry - where I  
 3. I'm gon - na let it shine; \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus gave it to

Oh \_\_\_\_\_

1. mine, \_\_\_\_\_ I'm gon - na let it shine, \_\_\_\_\_ Let it  
 2. go, \_\_\_\_\_ I'm gon - na let it shine, \_\_\_\_\_ Let it  
 3. me, \_\_\_\_\_ I'm gon - na let it shine, \_\_\_\_\_ Let it

Oh \_\_\_\_\_

1. shine, let it shine, let it shine. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. shine, let it shine, let it shine. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. shine, let it shine, let it shine. \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 CLOSING HYMN When the saints go marching in

*All stand and sing.*

O when the saints go marching in  
 When the saints go marching in  
 O Lord I want to be in that number  
 When the saints go marching in

And when the sun begins to shine  
 And when the sun begins to shine  
 O Lord I want to be in that number  
 When the sun begins to shine

O when the trumpet sounds the call  
 O when the trumpet sounds the call  
 O Lord I want to be in that number  
 When the trumpet sounds the call

And on that hallelujah day  
 On that hallelujah day  
 O Lord I want to be in that number  
 On that hallelujah day

O when the saints go marching in  
 When the saints go marching in  
 O Lord I want to be in that number  
 When the saints go marching in

### THE DISMISSAL

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

### THE VOLUNTARY Improvisation on *When the saints go marching in*

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### THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

**Celebrant:** The Reverend Margie Baker

**Preacher:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

**Seminarian:** Robin Brown

**Layreader:** Jo Anne Burgh

**Psalterer:** Jamie Baker

**The St. John's Adult Choir & Choir School**

**Organist & Choirmaster:** Walden Moore

**The Hot Cat Jazz Band:**

Ross Tucker, *trumpet*; Andy Sherwood, *clarinet*; Chris Coulter, *tenor sax*;

Sonny Landolfi, *guitar*; Dave Uhl, *bass*; Sal Ranniello, *drums*

**Acolytes:** Dorian Ciscel, Virginia Eikel, Atticus Finkell

**Ushers:** Matt Ciscel, Ellen Flynn, Virginia Van Dyk, Erica Weinstock

**Livestream Operator:** Elijah Clapp

**Altar Guild:** June Aziz, Ruth Crespi, Buffy Ineson

**Healing Prayer Minister:** Annabel Clapp

**Nursery Staff:** Sheryl Simoni, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

**Sunday School Teachers:** Robert Eikel, Enid Oberholtzer, 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 Chung Tai Kim and Hyon Choo Lee.**

### 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.\*

\*For 1/26, please bring sweets/desserts for a special coffee hour in honor of Walden Moore.

**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
Dennisse Salazar	Shoemaker Family	Eric Zoltan	Todd
Amy	Ken & Ellie	Elizabeth Myers	Peter Stanton & family
Cora	Elsa	David J. Beisler	Stephanie
John & Anne Walsh	Heidi	Carole Buttner	Lisa
Stephan	Charles & Susan Oakley	Branden	

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Lauren Mascola	Aiden Wrubleski	Luis Lorenzo
Eloise Rosen	Dan Minster	Anita Winters
James Reardon	Paige Whittemore	Caleb Worrell
Donald Giustiniani	Isabel Grant	

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for all ecumenical and interfaith endeavors involving our congregations and people; and for peace and peacemakers.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies.

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

**Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 26 from 9 to 10:15 a.m.** All parish adults and youth age 16 and older are encouraged to attend the parish annual meeting on January 26, where we will elect new vestry members, review the year just past, and look ahead to the new year. **A potluck continental breakfast will be served—sign up to bring something at [sjparish.net/annualmeeting](http://sjparish.net/annualmeeting).** The meeting will end in time for the 10:30 worship service, and after the service, we will host a special dessert coffee hour in honor of Walden Moore's last Sunday as our interim music director.

**Year-end giving statements for 2024 went out by email a few days ago.** We sent year-end giving statements to the following people:

- **Those who contributed \$250 or more to St. John's in 2024.**
- **Those who contributed to the Music at the Red Door annual fund drive in 2024.** Statements include donations to the 2024 fund drive only and do not include donations made for a particular concert/event.

St. John's and Music at the Red Door statements are sent out separately, so if you donated to both, you will receive two emails, each with a statement attached. Please check your email inbox as well as your spam/junk folders. If we do not have a valid email on file, your statement(s) will be mailed. **If you have any questions about your statement(s) or your 2024 contributions, please contact our financial administrator, Peggy O'Toole, at [peggy@sjparish.net](mailto:peggy@sjparish.net) or 860-523-5201 ext. 311. Peggy is in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.**

### Important notes about our parish database and online directory!

A popular feature of Realm, our membership database software, is an online parish directory available to parish members and staff with login credentials. To make this tool as useful, accurate, and secure as possible, please note the following:



- **Next Friday 1/24/25, the parish office will make a global privacy change to ensure that all members are included in the online directory.** When we make this change, members with a valid email on file in Realm will receive notice of it.
- **This privacy change does NOT mean that your personal information has been compromised! Members' contact information is ONLY available to other parish members and staff who have login credentials for Realm.** Your information on Realm is NOT accessible to non-members, to anyone without login credentials, or in any publicly available way. The parish office only allows known church members to access Realm.
- **If you want to OPT OUT of having your information in the online parish directory, contact Ellen in the parish office by 9 a.m. on Friday, January 24.** If you do not opt out, your contact information (address, phone, email) and photo (if you have one uploaded on Realm) will be visible in the online directory.
- **Your confidential pledge and contribution information is never visible to other parish members.** This information is only visible to you and certain staff members with financial oversight responsibilities.
- **To use the online directory and other Realm features, login to Realm at [onrealm.org/sjparish](http://onrealm.org/sjparish) OR download the Realm Connect app on your smartphone and login via the app.** The directory is a menu option on both the web site and the app. In Realm, you can also make and track your pledge, set up one-time or recurring pledge payments, access your giving history, upload a profile photo, and register and pay for events.
- **If you do not have Realm login credentials, go to [onrealm.org/sjparish](http://onrealm.org/sjparish) and click to request login access.** The parish office will review all login access requests the next business day, and will only approve access for known parish members. Once you are approved, you will receive an email inviting you to set up login credentials.
- **Please login to check your contact information and update your photo in Realm annually, to make sure that we have the most current information on file for you.**
- **If you're new and we don't yet have your information in Realm, fill out our online newcomer form at [sjparish.net/newcomer](http://sjparish.net/newcomer).** We will create a record for you in Realm and send you instructions for setting up your login credentials.

## Vestry Nominees 2025

*Below is the slate of nominees to be presented for election at the Annual Meeting on January 26, 2025, at 9 a.m. Bios and photos are provided for first-time nominees for a particular position. If you would like more information about any of the nominees up for re-election whose bios are not included here, please contact Ellen in the parish office.*

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### **Nominated as co-wardens (one-year term; can serve up to three consecutive terms)**

**Eleanor Barnes (nominated for her second one-year term)**

**Stewart Murchie (nominated for his third one-year term)**

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### **Nominated as co-treasurers (one-year term; can serve up to three consecutive terms)**

**David McCary (nominated for his third one-year term)**



**John Wilcox (nominated for his first one-year term)** — John was baptized at St. Alban's Church in Simsbury and confirmed here at St. John's, serving as an acolyte during his middle school years. Having moved out of the area during high school, John returned to West Hartford and St. John's in 2010 with his wife Virginia Van Dyk and daughters Eleanor and Caroline. Since returning, John and Virginia have both been active members of the parish, with John previously serving on the vestry and as stewardship chair and currently serving as finance committee chair, and Virginia having served as warden (among other roles). Professionally, John has been in the insurance industry for the past 15 years and is currently head of corporate development for Everest Group. Prior to working in insurance, John was a partner with McKinsey & Co. in New York. While in New York, John and his family were members of St. Bartholomew's Church. In his free time, John enjoys spending time with his family, traveling, hiking, and playing tennis and golf.

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### **Nominated for a two- or three-year term on the vestry**

**Kimberley Byrd (three-year term)** — Kim and her family have been active members of St. John's for more than 30 years and live in West Hartford. Kim has served in a wide variety of roles, having previously served on the vestry and as chair of the stewardship, rector search, and outreach committees. She has also participated in the Education For Ministry (EFM) program, taught Sunday School, and been involved with various church activities. Currently she is a layreader and participates with our Loaves & Fishes ministry. Kim grew up as an Episcopalian attending many different Episcopal and Anglican churches as she moved with her family. She graduated from Bates College with a BA in Economics and has an MBA from the University of Connecticut. She had a 35-year career in the insurance industry, and was the co-founder of Tennant Risk Services, a specialty professional liability insurance broker with which she remained actively involved until her retirement in 2018. Kim is married to Chris Byrd, a former warden and vestry member, and is the mother of Ned and Kent, both of whom were baptized at St. John's and participated as acolytes and youth group members. In addition to her time at St. John's, Kim has also been actively involved in civic affairs in the Hartford area and in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. She is currently serving on the boards of the Larrabee Fund of Greater Hartford, The Boothbay Region Student Aid Fund, and the Boothbay Region Land Trust. She enjoys running, exercising, reading, and cooking. Kim looks forward to serving St. John's in her new capacity as a vestry member.



**Matteo Donnelly (three-year term)** — Matteo and his family have been members of St. John's Episcopal Church since 2019. Born and raised as Catholic on Long Island, NY, Matteo then moved to Florida, where he met his husband, Marcos. Marcos was born and raised Baptist, and their desire was to share a religious space that would meet both of their needs for a life in faith. They became Episcopalian in 2010 and joined St Gregory's Episcopal Church, which they loved. They were the first same-sex couple to be married in their parish. In 2012, they adopted their two children, Jayden and Mason. In 2016, they moved to CT and searched for their new church home. After visiting and participating in seven parishes to find the right one with no success, they finally



discovered St. John's and made it their new church home. Matteo is honored to be nominated for a vestry position. He serves as a layreader and with the Altar Guild ministry. He is also chair of the Christmas Festival and the coffee hour ministry. Matteo volunteers and participates in other ministries and as a choir parent. Most recently, Matteo and Marcos hosted one of the church cottage meetings that encouraged thought-provoking ideas and great discussions around many needs within the church and the community the church serves. Matteo graduated from the University of Central Florida with a BS in psychology with studies in microbiology. He currently works as an area manager with Barnes and Noble. Matteo enjoys traveling, reading, crafting, entertaining, and decorating his house for Christmas, including more than 22 Christmas trees.

**Susan Fay (three-year term)** — When Susan and her family first moved from Toronto to West Hartford in 2001, she sought out the Episcopal church with “the best youth group” and was pointed in the direction of St. John's. The EYC helped ease the transition for her three teens, and Susan enjoyed participating in the book club, choreographing the Christmas pageant, and serving as a layreader. When life took her to Chicago, she continued her career in dance and theatre while becoming involved in Grace Episcopal Church in the Loop. There Susan served on the vestry for several years, was a layreader, and participated in the women's group and the food ministry. She also served two terms on her condo board of directors. But the pull of the granddaughters proved too strong to resist, so Susan is once again in West Hartford and finds St. John's even more vibrant and welcoming! She is honored to be nominated and looks forward to serving.



**Stacey Samuel Bannon (two-year term to complete an unexpired term)** — Stacey was born and raised in the Mar Thoma Church of Los Angeles, where she led the youth and young adult committees for several years. After moving to Connecticut, Stacey met her spouse Kelsey while they were studying at UConn School of Law in 2016. Together, they found that the Episcopal church matched their values and desire for a traditional service. Stacey and Kelsey joined St. John's in 2021 and solidified their church membership through pledging, participating in Bible study and the Community Service Committee, and baptizing their son in the church. Stacey also recently spoke at the Faith@Work adult education series, where she discussed her career as claim counsel with Travelers Insurance Company. Outside of her day job, Stacey works as a pro bono attorney for Lawyers for Children America and also serves on the board of directors of the Bridge Family Center in West Hartford. Stacey loves reading, playing board games, and cooking.

**Jeff Verney (three-year term)** — Jeff Verney, the Troubadour of Happiness, is the owner of Perpetual Happiness Tour LLC through which Jeff offers his songs, stories, and seminars, all with a common goal of bringing people happiness, positivity, gratitude, purpose, and hope. Prior to creating Perpetual Happiness Tour LLC, Jeff held various leadership positions in the insurance/healthcare business throughout his career. He most recently was the regional vice president of the Northeast Region of Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield National Accounts (ANA), leading a team that was responsible for ANA's largest 90 commercial group healthcare clients in the Northeast that comprised 1 million members. Before joining Anthem, Jeff spent 12 years holding various leadership roles in UnitedHealth Group's United Retiree Solutions, a division of UnitedHealthcare, that provided group Medicare benefit programs to employers. Jeff has also worked for CIGNA, where he held sales, client management, and technology leadership roles, as well as for WebMD, where he was part of the senior leadership team. Jeff currently serves on the board of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra, where he was the chairman of the board from 2015 to 2022. He is also currently president of the Music at the Red Door board at St. John's, as well as a member of the Simsbury Meadows Performing Arts Center board. Jeff has previously served as board chairman at Renbrook School, as well as warden at St. John's. He was also previously on the board of the Northern Connecticut chapter of the American Heart Association, co-chairing the annual Northern Connecticut HeartWalk in 2011 and 2012. Jeff grew up in Simsbury, where he graduated from Simsbury High School. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Williams College and an MBA in finance from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. After living in Los Angeles, Philadelphia, and San Francisco for 15 years, Jeff returned to West Simsbury in 1994, where he and his wife Pam have lived ever since. During this time Jeff has served on the Town of Simsbury Insurance



Committee, coached Little League, and assisted with Cub Scouts. Jeff and Pam have a son Sam, who lives in Brooklyn.

### Nominated for a one-year term as convention delegates and alternate

#### Eleanor Barnes (nominated for her second one-year term)



**Sharon Henes (nominated for her first one-year term)** — Sharon has been a member of St. John's Episcopal Church since fall of 2023, when she moved to Newington. She is involved in youth and children ministries, and serves as a layreader and healing prayer volunteer. At the diocesan level, Sharon serves as North Central leadership team convenor and a Title IV advisor. At the national level, she serves as vice president on the Court of Review, which is an appellate court for clergy discipline and investigates bishop election objections. In her prior diocese, Sharon served as diocese convention delegate for many years, Province IV Synod deputy, and General Convention deputy. Sharon worked for 28 years for the State of Wisconsin on a prosecution team for professional licensure discipline, administered the Impaired Professional Program, and wrote administrative laws. She moved to Connecticut to be closer to her three grandsons. She has two children, a son who teaches at Windsor High School and a daughter who is a curate serving in a parish in Northern Indiana. Sharon is a self-proclaimed church governance geek and has attended the last two ECCT conventions. She would be honored to serve as convention delegate representing St. John's Episcopal Church.

**Alternate: Robert Eikel (nominated for his second one-year term as alternate)**

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**ANNUAL MEETING**

Sunday, January 26  
9 to 10:15 a.m.  
in Hubbard Hall

*Sign up to bring food for a light continental breakfast at [sjparish.net/annualmeeting](http://sjparish.net/annualmeeting)  
Child care provided.*

## Sunday flower volunteers needed!

AN EASY AND REWARDING VOLUNTEER ROLE

- **Remove the altar flowers** from their urns after the 10:30 service.
- **Divide them into smaller bouquets** (we supply florist foil and vases).
- **Give them away** to someone at coffee hour (a friend, a newcomer, someone whose birthday or anniversary is listed in the bulletin), **deliver them** to one of our homebound parishioners on your way home, or **take them home** for a friend, family member, or yourself!

We'd love to have 2 - 4 volunteers who will take turns and coordinate with one another to be sure each Sunday during the program year (September to June) is covered. This job only takes a few minutes but is a huge help to our Altar Guild and ensures that the altar flowers don't go to waste.

**Contact Ellen in the parish office if you can help.**

## ST. JOHN'S BOOK CLUB

Join us monthly to discuss a novel with theological flair! We read one book per month, and our April read is for youth and adults. First Thursday of the month in zoom.

### SPRING 2025 NOVELS

**February | *Small Things Like These* | Claire Keegan**

February 6 at 7pm

**March | *My Name is Asher Lev* | Chaim Potek**

March 6 at 7pm

**April | *A Wrinkle in Time* | Madeleine L'Engle**

April 3 at 7pm

Look for the zoom link in our weekly e-news. Not on our email list? Sign up at [sjparish.net](http://sjparish.net).

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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).....	Rector
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Christa Rakich.....	Organ Artist-in-Residence
Ralph Valentine .....	Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus

## VESTRY

Eleanor Barnes .....	Warden
Stewart Murchie .....	Warden
Anne Harney and David McCary.....	Co-Treasurers

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

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

2024–26: Lauren Mascola, Brenda Zanta