

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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## *The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*May 18, 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.

*Cover image: He is Risen by He Qi*



## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY    Pastorale

Henry Hugh Bancroft (1904–1988)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 577    God is love, and where true love is  
*All stand and sing.*

UBI CARITAS

### THE EASTER ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant*    Alleluia. Christ is risen!

*People*        **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*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.

*People*        **Amen.**

## THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-  
 might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,  
 on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;  
 5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the  
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of  
 God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Acts 11:1–18*

*All sit.*

**N**ow the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 148*

*The people are invited to chant the verses in bold.*



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- 1 Hallelujah!  
Praise the Lord / from the heavens; \*  
praise him / in the heights.

- 2 Praise him, all you / angels of his; \*  
praise him, / all his host.
- 3 **Praise him, / sun and moon; \***  
**praise him, all you / shining stars.**
- 4 **Praise him, / heaven of heavens, \***  
**and you waters a-/bove the heavens.**
- 5 Let them praise the / Name of the Lord; \*  
for he commanded, and / they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for / ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not / pass away.
- 7 **Praise the Lord / from the earth, \***  
**you sea-monsters / and all deeps;**
- 8 **Fire and hail, / snow and fog, \***  
**tempestuous wind, / doing his will;**
- 9 Mountains / and all hills, \*  
fruit trees / and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts / and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and / winged birds;
- 11 **Kings of the earth / and all peoples, \***  
**princes and all rulers / of the world;**
- 12 **Young / men and maidens, \***  
**old and / young together.**
- 13 Let them praise the / Name of the Lord, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over / earth and heaven.
- 14 **He has raised up strength for his people**  
**and praise for all his / loyal servants, \***  
**the children of Israel, a people who are near him. / Hallelujah!**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Revelation 21:1-6*

**I** saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 583 O holy city, seen of John  
*All stand and sing.*

MORNING SONG

THE GOSPEL

*John 13:31–35*

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

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

**A**t the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Joe Pace

*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.*

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way. Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to all nations and peoples, especially in Ukraine, the Holy Land, Sudan, and all places scarred by violence and deprivation. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your word. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick, and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures. We remember especially those on our parish prayer list. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you, especially Branden Flinchbaugh. Raise us with them to eternal life. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

*Celebrant* Risen Lord, open our hearts to your power moving around us and between us and within us, until your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy, in communities transformed by justice and compassion, and in the healing of all that is broken. **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 If ye love me

Pieter Niedmann (b. 1960)

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 forever;  
e'en the spirit of truth.



*The composer of today's anthem resides in West Hartford and is director of music at the Church of Christ, Congregational in Newington. Peter is a prolific composer, and our choir has sung several of his works over the years. The anthem's lyrical, flowing melody reflects the comforting nature of this Gospel text.*

### THE PRESENTATION HYMN

*All stand and sing.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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



heaven 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: William Mathias*

*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.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

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 FRACTION ANTHEM

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. The people sing the refrain with the choir before and after the verse.*



*Choir* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. **Refrain sung by all**

## 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 And I saw a new heaven

Edgar L. Bainton (1880–1956)

Text: Revelation 21:1–4

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

THE COMMUNION HYMN 304 I come with joy to meet my Lord

LAND OF REST

### 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 544 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

DUKE STREET

*All stand and sing.*

### THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Finale Jubilante

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

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### Join us in Hubbard Hall after the service for coffee hour.

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

### THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

**Celebrant:** The Reverend Margie Baker

**Preacher:** The Reverend Joseph Pace

**Layreader:** Jane Harris

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

**Organist and Choirmaster:** Nick Capozzoli

**Acolytes:** Bradley Crocker, Atticus Finkell, Selma Waddington

**Ushers:** Matt Ciscel, Geoff Emerick, Erica Weinstock, Wes Winterbottom

**Livestream Operator:** Jenn Baker

**Altar Guild:** Kate Eikel, Jo-Ann Sadosky

**Healing Prayer Minister:** Sharon Henes

**Nursery Staff:** Nichole Segar, Lilah Lorenzo, Caroline Thaxton

**Sunday School Teachers:** Robert Eikel, Enid Oberholtzer, Jeff Verney, Akilah Williams,

Leah Lorenzo, Matt Ciscel, Angela Allen-Peck, Buffy Ineson

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Eleanor Hayes.

**In your prayers this week, please pray for:**

Peace in our world, those serving our country in the armed services, and 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	Joyce Flynn	Bob Norton
Virginia Skeele	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Rachel Boccio	Joseph
Grant Loevenbruck	The Yelland family	Joan Ackley	Sarah Carroll
John & Barbara Spannaus	Harry Barber	Guy Russo	Greg Highland
Jennifer Blean	Doug Larson	Jon Nelson	Rachel
Hale Walkoff	Jeff Lewis	Ned	Lucas
Rod Farrell	Miranda	Roger	Amy Bittinger
Hillary Lord	Allison and Family	Daniel Zoltan	William Bittinger
Helen Rosen	Linda	Jim & Kathlyn Schofield	Mike
Nick Willke	Jacob Latranica	John Scott	Rick
Wayne Gollenburg	Tom Tata	Eric Zoltan	Richard Myers
Uncle Rich Alpin	Timothy Foga	Elizabeth Myers	Carol
Tracie O'Brien	Shoemaker Family	Carole Buttner	Paul Thaxton
Naya	Elsa	Rob Roy	Frank Higginbotham
Amy	Heidi	Meghan	Peter Stanton & family
Cora	Charles & Susan Oakley	Gaylord	Stephanie
Todd FitzGerald	Katie Reardon	Bonnie Evans	Ann
Benjamin Mabrey	Matteo Donnelly	Barbara	Chris
Teni Awudu	Alondra	Dennis	Rui
Beth	Andrew Worrell	Jennifer	Katie

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Ginger Gillespie	Wendy Bartlett	Frisha Hugessen
Stella FitzGerald	Linda Dunakin	Huck Whittemore
Dan Lockery	Douglas Johnson	Anne Hayes

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Lindsey & Stuart Carlisle

**Those who have died:**

Branden Flinchbaugh, *grandson of Rich Flinchbaugh*

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. Thomas', New Haven; Trinity, New Haven; St. James, New London; and for clergy peer groups and the Clergy Family Assistance Program.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

**Midweek contemplative Eucharist, every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the chancel.** We will also continue to hold a centering prayer session after the Eucharist, led by the Reverend Nancy Wright, at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Library. The prayer sessions will continue through June 4.

**Spring Fling tickets on sale!** The annual Spring Fling fundraiser is coming up on Friday, May 30. Tickets are \$15 each when purchased ahead, \$20 each at the door. Purchase tickets online with card or bank withdrawal at [sjparish.net/springfling](http://sjparish.net/springfling), or with cash or check from event volunteers today or next Sunday. This is an adult-only event, and we welcome guests and friends who are not St. John's members.

**Sandwich making next Sunday: Please help with supplies!** Next Sunday, we will make 200 sandwiches for the Loaves & Fishes feeding ministry after the 10:30 service. Please sign up to provide sandwich fixings and supplies, and/or to help with set-up: [sjparish.net/sandwiches](http://sjparish.net/sandwiches).

**Pipes Alive! on Sunday, June 1 at 12:30 p.m.** We are delighted to close out this year's Pipes Alive! organ recital series by welcoming back our organ artist-in-residence, Christa Rakich. Christa lives in Ohio during the school year, where she is professor of organ at Oberlin College, but also calls Connecticut and St. John's home. Recital admission is free, with donations accepted.

**Choral Evensong at Trinity College Chapel, Sunday, June 1 at 5 p.m.** The St. John's Choir School will join with five other regional youth choir programs for a collaborative Choral Evensong service at Trinity College Chapel. All are welcome to attend.

**Youth Sunday and parish picnic, Sunday, June 8 at the 10:30 service and afterward.** At our annual Youth Sunday service, we recognize the children and youth who serve as choristers, acolytes, and layreaders, and participate in Sunday School and EYC (youth group). Youth Sunday will also feature senior sermons and recognition of our adult Sunday School and youth group leaders. After the 10:30 service, we will have the annual parish picnic.

**All-ages Vacation Bible School, June 16 to 19 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.** This popular event returns in June, and EVERYONE is welcome to attend! Register at [sjparish.net/vbs](http://sjparish.net/vbs). Dinner is included; please let us know when you register if you're willing to help provide it one night (we can match you with other volunteers to work on a meal together).

## Spring Fling & Auction

Annual gathering and fundraiser for the St. John's community.  
All adults (parish members and friends) are welcome!

**Friday, May 30**  
**6:30 p.m.**

### BUY TICKETS!

\$15 per person if purchased ahead  
\$20 per person at the door

### HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

Buy with cash or check at church on 5/11, 5/18, or 5/25  
Buy online at [sjparish.net/springfling](http://sjparish.net/springfling) or use this QR code.



### VOLUNTEER TO HELP!

We need all kinds of help before and at the event. Bring an appetizer to share, help with check-in or check-out, set up or clean up, make a party playlist, inspire spirited bidding as an auctioneer... there is something for everyone! Please take a look at our sign-up at [sjparish.net/springflingvolunteers](http://sjparish.net/springflingvolunteers), scan the QR code below, or contact

Liana Douillet Guzman ([liana.douillet@gmail.com](mailto:liana.douillet@gmail.com)) or Lauren Mascola ([laurenmascola@gmail.com](mailto:laurenmascola@gmail.com)) to talk about how you'd like to help.



# PIPES ALIVE!



## Christa Rakich

### June 1, 12:30pm

St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford

MUSIC AT THE RED DOOR

Events are also available livestreamed at [www.reddoormusic.org](http://www.reddoormusic.org)



## YOUTH SUNDAY & PARISH PICNIC

June 8

10:30 service followed by picnic

Rain or shine!

Hot dogs and beverages provided.

Last name A-M: Bring fruit or dessert

Last name N-Z: Bring salad, side, or chips

Collaborative Chorus  
**Evensong**  
 June 1st  
 5:00pm

featuring choristers from St. John's (West Hartford),  
 The Choir School of Hartford (Hartford),  
 St. James's (West Hartford), Trinity-on-the-Green  
 (New Haven), Church of Christ UCC (Newington),  
 Chorus Angelicus (Torrington), and St. Paul's (Norwalk)

Free admission

Trinity College Chapel  
 300 Summit St. Hartford

# Help, Thanks, Wow

All Ages Vacation Bible School  
 June 16-19  
 5:30-8:00pm

This summer, St. John's is offering an all-ages Vacation Bible School loosely based on Anne Lamott's book *Help Thanks Wow: The Three Essential Prayers*. Join us for four nights of dinner, prayer, Scripture, and activities on the theme. All ages and stages are welcome. Children age 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult. \$25 per person, maximum \$75/family. Scholarships available. Open to everyone: invite your friends! Register at [sjparish.net/VBS](http://sjparish.net/VBS) or use the QR code below.

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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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 The Rev. Mary Lynn Dell..... *Priest Associate\**  
 The Rev. Joe Pace ..... *Priest Associate\**  
 The Rev. Nancy Wright..... *Priest Associate\**

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Eleanor Barnes ..... Warden  
 Stewart Murchie ..... Warden  
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2023–25: Angela Allen-Peck, John Nowacki, Tom Oberholtzer

2024–26: Lauren Mascola, Stacey Samuel Bannon, Brenda Zanta

2025–27: Kim Byrd, Matteo Donnelly, Susan Fay, Jeff Verney