

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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## *The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II & THE BAPTISM OF

Elise Virginia Honyotski

*May 25, 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 Melody in G minor

York Bowen (1884–1961)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 522 Glorious things of thee are spoken

AUSTRIA

*All stand and sing.*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

*Acts 16:9–15*

*All sit.*

**D**uring the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### THE PSALTER

*Psalm 67*

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



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- 1 May God be merciful to / us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and / come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be / known upon earth, \*  
your saving health a-/mong all nations.
- 3 **Let the peoples / praise you, O God; \***  
**let all the / peoples praise you.**
- 4 **Let the nations be glad and / sing for joy, \***  
**for you judge the peoples with equity**  
**and guide all the nations / upon earth.**
- 5 **Let the peoples / praise you, O God; \***  
**let all the / peoples praise you.**
- 6 **The earth has brought / forth her increase; \***  
**may God, our own God, give / us his blessing.**

7 **May God give / us his blessing, \***  
**and may all the ends of the earth stand in / awe of him.**

THE SECOND LESSON

*Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5*

**I**n the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 490    I want to walk as a child of the light

HOUSTON

*All stand and sing.*

THE GOSPEL

*John 5:1–9*

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

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

**A**fter Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

*Minister*    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Margie Baker

*All sit.*

## THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

*The Priest says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents* I present Elise Virginia to receive the sacrament of baptism.

*Priest* Will you be responsible for seeing that she is being brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Priest* Will you by your prayers and witness help her to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Then the Priest asks the following questions of the parents and godparents, who speak on behalf of the child.*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*The Priest addresses the Congregation saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in her life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Priest* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*All stand.*

*Priest* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

- Priest* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**
- Priest* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**

#### THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

- Leader* Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth. Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Priest* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

- Priest* The Lord be with you.
- People* **And also with you.**
- Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

*People*           **Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

*The Priest says to the candidate*

Elise Virginia, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All*               **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the candidate's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying*  
You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

*All*               **Amen.**

*Priest*           Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

*All*               **Amen.**

*Priest*           Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*All*               **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

THE BAPTISMAL HYMN 296   We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

ENGELBERG

*All sing as the baptismal party and clergy return to their seats.*

## 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 The secret of Christ

Richard Shephard (b. 1949)

Text: Isaiah 42:14–16, Revelation 22:1–3,  
The Pilgrim Prayer by Rev. Canon Derrick Walters

For a long time, I have held my peace, but now will I speak.  
I will lead the blind in a way they know not, in paths they have not known I will guide them.  
I will turn their darkness into light, and I will not forsake them.

And he showed me a pure river of the water of life,  
clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God;  
and on either side of the river was there a tree of life,  
and the leaves were for the healing of nations.

Help us, Lord, to persevere in prayer with minds awake and thankful hearts,  
that we may share the secret of Christ with those we meet on our earthly pilgrimage,  
following in the steps of Jesus our master and our friend. Amen.

### 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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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 Come to Zion

Kevin Siegfried (b. 1969)

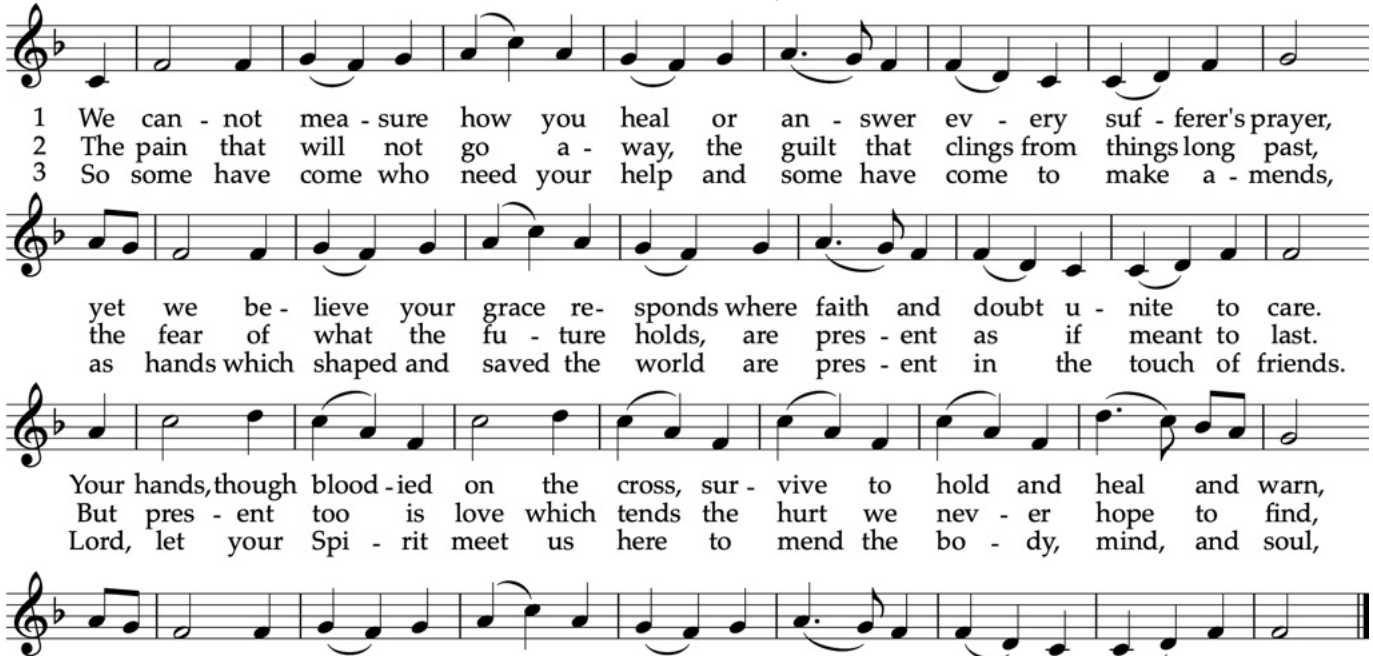
Text: Paulina Bates (ca. 1869)

Come to Zion, come to Zion,  
 Sin-sick souls in sorrow bound.  
 Lay your cares upon the altar  
 Where true healing may be found.

Shout alleluia, alleluia.  
 Praise resounds o'er land and sea.  
 All who will may come and share  
 The glories of this jubilee.

This anthem is an arrangement of a Shaker song composed by Paulina Bates in the mid 19<sup>th</sup>-century. Bates was an influential Shaker leader in Wateroliet, New York, the first Shaker community in America. Shaker songs are characterized by simple, modal melodies and energetic rhythms.

THE COMMUNION HYMN We cannot measure how you heal YE BANKS AND BRAES



1 We can - not mea - sure how you heal or an - swer ev - ery suf - ferer's prayer,  
 2 The pain that will not go a - way, the guilt that clings from things long past,  
 3 So some have come who need your help and some have come to make a - mends,  
 yet we be - lieve your grace re - sponds where faith and doubt u - nite to care.  
 the fear of what the fu - ture holds, are pres - ent as if meant to last.  
 as hands which shaped and saved the world are pres - ent in the touch of friends.  
 Your hands, though blood - ied on the cross, sur - vive to hold and heal and warn,  
 But pres - ent too is love which tends the hurt we nev - er hope to find,  
 Lord, let your Spi - rit meet us here to mend the bo - dy, mind, and soul,  
 to car - ry all through death to life and cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.  
 the pri - vate ag - o - nies in - side, the mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.  
 to dis - en - tan - gle peace from pain and make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

Text: John L. Bell (b. 1949)

Music: Scottish traditional

### 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 205 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing GELOBT SEI GOTT  
 All stand and sing.

### THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Chorale Prelude on *Gelobt sei Gott* Healey Willan (1880–1968)

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**Join us in Hubbard Hall after the service for coffee hour  
and to make sandwiches for Loaves & Fishes.**

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

**THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**

**Celebrant:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

**Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker

**Layreader:** Jo Anne Burgh

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

**Organist and Choirmaster:** Nick Capozzoli

**Acolytes:** Jamie Baker, Eden Baker, Mason Donnelly

**Ushers:** Eleanor Barnes, Annabel Clapp, Molly Cooper,  
Mark Sarkisian, Susie Sarkisian

**Livestream Operator:** Matteo Donnelly

**Altar Guild:** June Aziz, Barbara Roos

**Healing Prayer Minister:** Enid Oberholtzer

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

**Sunday School Teachers:** Robert Eikel, Enid Oberholtzer, Jeff Verney, Donielle Joslyn

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of James McAfee Ganter.

# 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.



**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              |
| Benjamin Mabrey         | Matteo Donnelly        | Bonnie Evans            | Ann                    |
| Teni Awudu              | Alondra                | Barbara                 | Chris                  |
| Beth                    | Andrew Worrell         | Dennis                  | Rui                    |
| Katie                   | Jennifer Evans         | Jennifer                |                        |

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Betty Knorr        | Hope Eakins       |
| Mary Jo Keating    | Amy Manise        |
| Tom Lincoln        | Stephanie Johnson |
| Jeanne Winkleblack |                   |

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Wendy & Tom Lincoln  
Mary Lynn Dell & David Vandermeulen

**Those who have died:**

Denise Doyon, *sister of Marie Montas*

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. John's, New Milford; Grace Church, Newington; Trinity, Newtown; and for environmental ministry networks, eco-justice work, community gardens.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya.

**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. This is an adult-only event, and we welcome guests and friends who are not St. John's members.

**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. Christa is adding a few special elements to this recital, including violin accompaniment and some narration from St. John's parishioner John Nowacki. Don't miss it!

**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).


**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

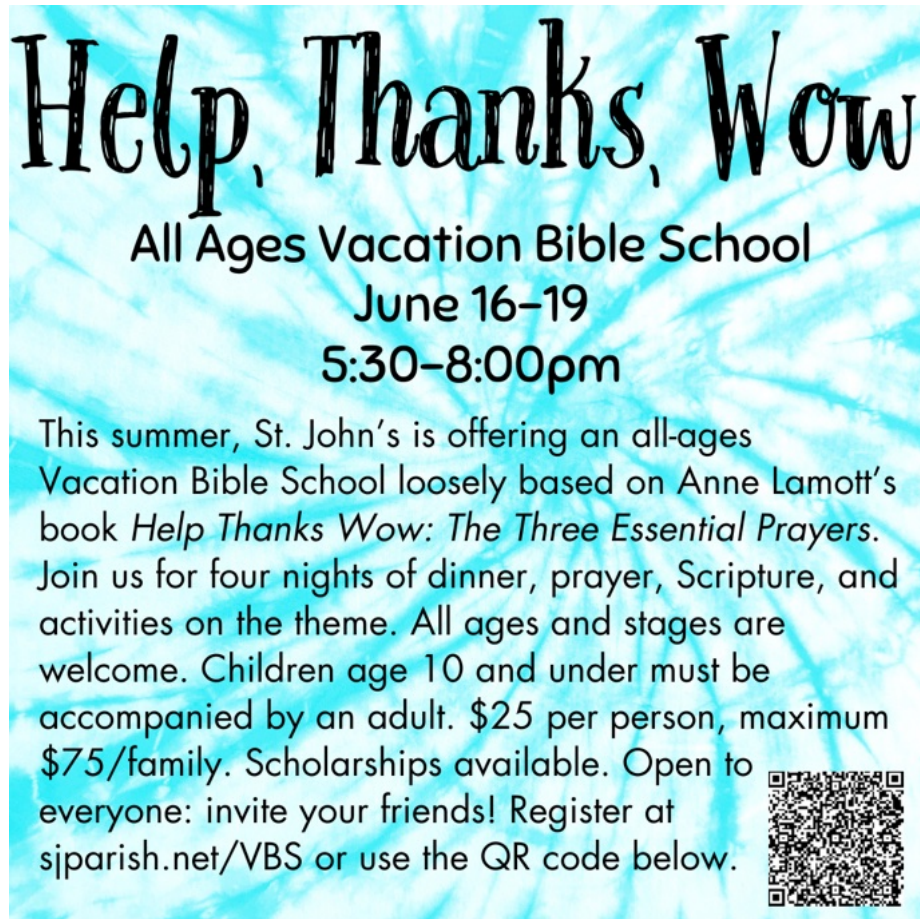


Collaborative Chorus  
**Evensong**  
June 1st  
5:00pm

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

## STAFF

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| The Rev. Todd FitzGerald (todd@sjparish.net)..... | Rector                                  |
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| The Rev. Mary Lynn Dell.....                      | Priest Associate*                       |
| The Rev. Joseph Pace .....                        | Priest Associate*                       |
| The Rev. Nancy Wright.....                        | Priest Associate*                       |

\*These positions are non-stipendiary.

## VESTRY

|                                    |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Eleanor Barnes .....               | Warden        |
| Stewart Murchie .....              | Warden        |
| David McCary and John Wilcox ..... | Co-Treasurers |

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