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The Day of Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II & THE BAPTISM OF

Violet Kennie Rich

June 8, 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



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 Come down, O Love divine

Henry Ley (1887–1962)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION O Spirit, all-embracing

THAXTED

All stand and sing.

1 O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,
 2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,
 3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,
 Un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:
 You show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.
 And give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart
 Un - fail - ing is your treas - ure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
 We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
 To know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,

Sur - pass - ing world - ly pleas - ure, the rich - es you af - ford.
 You fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.
 To seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:

Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
 Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
 For vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;

Come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
 Un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your Church a - new.
 In prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

Text: Delores Dufner (b. 1939)
 Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

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, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; 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

Genesis 11:1-9

All sit.

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go

down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 104:25–35, 37

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



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- 25 O Lord, how manifold / are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is / full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too / many to number, *
creatures both / small and great.
- 27 **There move the ships,**
and there is / that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the / sport of it.
- 28 **All of them / look to you ***
to give them their / food in due season.
- 29 You give it to / them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are / filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and / they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and re-/ turn to their dust.
- 31 **You send forth your Spirit, and / they are created; ***
and so you renew the / face of the earth.
- 32 **May the glory of the Lord en-/dure for ever; ***
may the Lord rejoice in / all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth / and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains / and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as / long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I / have my being.
- 35 **May these words of / mine please him; ***
I will rejoice / in the Lord.
- 37 **Bless the Lord, / O my soul. ***
Halle-/lujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:1–21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE ANTHEM Day by day

Martin How (1931–2022)

All stand as the choir sings the anthem.

Text: Saint Richard of Chichester (1197–1253)

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray;
to see thee more clearly, to love thee more dearly,
to follow thee more nearly, day by day.

THE GOSPEL

John 14:8–17

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

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

Philip said to Jesus, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom

the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.”

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SENIOR SERMONS

Bradley Crocker & Lilah Lorenzo

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 Violet Kennie 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

Violet Kennie, 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 297 Descend, O Spirit, purging flame

ERHALT UNS, HERR

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 WITH RECOGNITIONS FOR OUR YOUTH AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

All sit.

- Choir School
- Graduating seniors
- Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, nursery staff
- Acolytes

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Cantic to the Spirit

Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

Text: Hildegard von Bingen (1098–1179)

Holy Spirit, giving life to all life,
 root of all things, washing them clean,
 wiping out their mistakes, healing all their wounds,
 you are our true life, luminous, wonderful,
 awakening the heart from its ancient sleep.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

All stand and sing.

**Be present at our table, Lord;
 be here and everywhere adored;
 These mercies bless, and grant that we
 May feast in paradise with Thee.**

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

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: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

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 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



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Setting: Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

Choir The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

Antiphon sung by all

One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

Antiphon 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 Listen sweet dove

Katherine Burk (b. 1990)

Text: George Herbert (1593–1633)

Listen sweet dove unto my song,
and spread thy golden wings in me;
hatching my tender heart so long,
till it get wing and flie away with thee.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow
the earth did like a heav'n appeare,
the starres were coming down to know
if they might mend their wages and serve here.

The sunne which once did shine alone,
hung down his head and wisht for night,
when he beheld twelve sunnes for one
going about the world and giving light.

Lord though we change thou art the same,
the same sweet God of love and light:
restore this day for thy great name,
unto his ancient and miraculous right.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 516 Come down, O Love divine

DOWN AMPNEY

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 We sing a love

WOODLANDS

All stand and sing.

1 We sing a love that sets all peo - ple free, that blows like
 2 We sing a love that seeks a - noth - er's good, that longs to
 3 We sing a love, un - flinch - ing un - a - fraid to be it -
 4 We sing a love that, wand - ering, will not rest un - til it
 5 We sing the Ho - ly Spir - it, full of love, who seeks out
 wind, that burns like scorch - ing flame, en - folds the earth, springs up like wa - ter clear:
 serve and not to count the cost, a love that, yield - ing, finds it - self made new:
 self, de - spite a - noth - er's wrath, a love that stands a - lone and un - dis - mayed:
 finds its way, its home, its source, through joy and sad - ness press - ing on re - freshed:
 scars of an - cient bit - ter - ness, brings to our wounds the heal - ing grace of Christ:
 come, liv - ing love, live in our hearts to - day.
 come, car - ing love, live in our hearts to - day.
 come, strength - ening love, live in our hearts to - day.
 come pil - grim love, live in our hearts to - day.
 come, ra - dianant love, live in our hearts to - day.

Text: June Tillman (b. 1943)

Music: WOODLANDS, Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

THE DISMISSAL

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

CHORAL POSTLUDE Go in peace

Barber Walters and Kenneth White

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.
 Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.
 Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!
 Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

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Before heading to Education Wing open house and the parish picnic, please stay in your pew (altar party: please join the congregation) so we can take a congregational photo.

There is no coffee hour today due to the parish picnic! Please stop in the Education Wing for a few minutes before heading to the picnic.

Visit our *Education Wing Open House* today for a brief update from Margie Baker about our thriving programs for children and youth, and Education Wing upgrades proposed for the fall 2025 capital campaign.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Assisting Clergy: The Reverend Margie Baker

Preachers: Bradley Crocker & Lilah Lorenzo

Layreaders: Danielle Branco, Florie FitzGerald, Livvy Lorenzo, Alvin Mani

Chalice Bearer: Eti Akpan

The St. John's Choir School

Organist and Choirmaster: Nick Capozzoli

Acolytes: Caleb Worrell, Brielle Worrell, Luke Yelland

Ushers: Dan Minster, Don Polk, John Roche, Laura Roche

Livestream Operator: Jenn Baker

Altar Guild: Kate Eikel, Brenda Zanta

Oblationers: Richard Wigmore, William Wigmore

Healing Prayer Minister: Jo-Ann Sadosky

Nursery Staff: Sheryl Simoni, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

Sunday School Teachers: Robert Eikel, Audrey Baker, Jeff Verney, Akilah Williams, Matt Ciscel, Leah Lorenzo, Angela Allen-Peck, Buffy Ineson

Music note: We have intentionally programmed three Choir School favorites throughout the service. They are sung weekly but are not necessarily known to the rest of our community. "Day by day" is sung before each Sunday service, while "Be present at our table" is sung before Wednesday dinners and "Go in peace" at the end of Wednesday rehearsals. These songs have been sung at St. John's for nearly a decade, and they form a beautiful tradition grounded in faith.

CHOIR SCHOOL

Advanced Chorister (yellow ribbon)

Jamie Baker

Mason Donnelly

Blythe Peck

Full Chorister (red ribbon)

Jx Eikel, head chorister

Junior (light blue ribbon)

Danielle Branco

Juliette Peck

Senior (dark blue ribbon)

Eden Baker

Livvy Lorenzo

Benjamin Clapp

Dana Crocker

Virginia Eikel

Jayden Donnelly

Chorister (white surplice)

Angie Finkell

Bobby Eikel

Bea Patten

James Reardon

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, YOUTH LEADERS & NURSERY STAFF

Sunday School: Audrey Baker, Jenn Baker, Robert Eikel, & Enid Oberholtzer (primary);

Jeff Verney & Akilah Williams (elementary); Matt Ciscel & Leah Lorenzo (middle school);

Angela Allen-Peck & Buffy Ineson (high school); Donielle Joslyn (joint lessons for elementary through high school)

Youth Leaders: Matt Ciscel, Kate Eikel, Sharon Henes

Nursery Staff: Nichole Segar, Sheryl Simoni, Lilah Lorenzo, Livvy Lorenzo, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

GRADUATING SENIORS

Bradley Crocker, Lilah Lorenzo, Caleb Worrell

ACOLYTES

Crucifers: Jamie Baker, Danielle Branco, Dorian Ciscel, Bradley Crocker, Caleb Worrell

Acolytes: Eden Baker, Jayden Donnelly, Mason Donnelly, Bobby Eikel, Jx Eikel, Virginia Eikel, Atticus Finkell, Zeke Latif, Selma Waddington, Brielle Worrell, Luke Yelland

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

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Hal Rives	Jerry Fiske
John Roche	Christoph Stretz
Ted Babbitt	Erica Weinstock
Stacey Samuel Bannon	Louise Mansolf
Tob Oberholtzer	John Dustin

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Mary Jo & Bert Keating
 Jeanne & Dennis Winkleblack
 Michele Baylor & Jason Carl

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Christ Church, Norwalk; St. Andrew's, Northford; and for Companions in Mission for Publishing & Communication, those communicating God's Word, digital ministries, and online social networks and communities.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

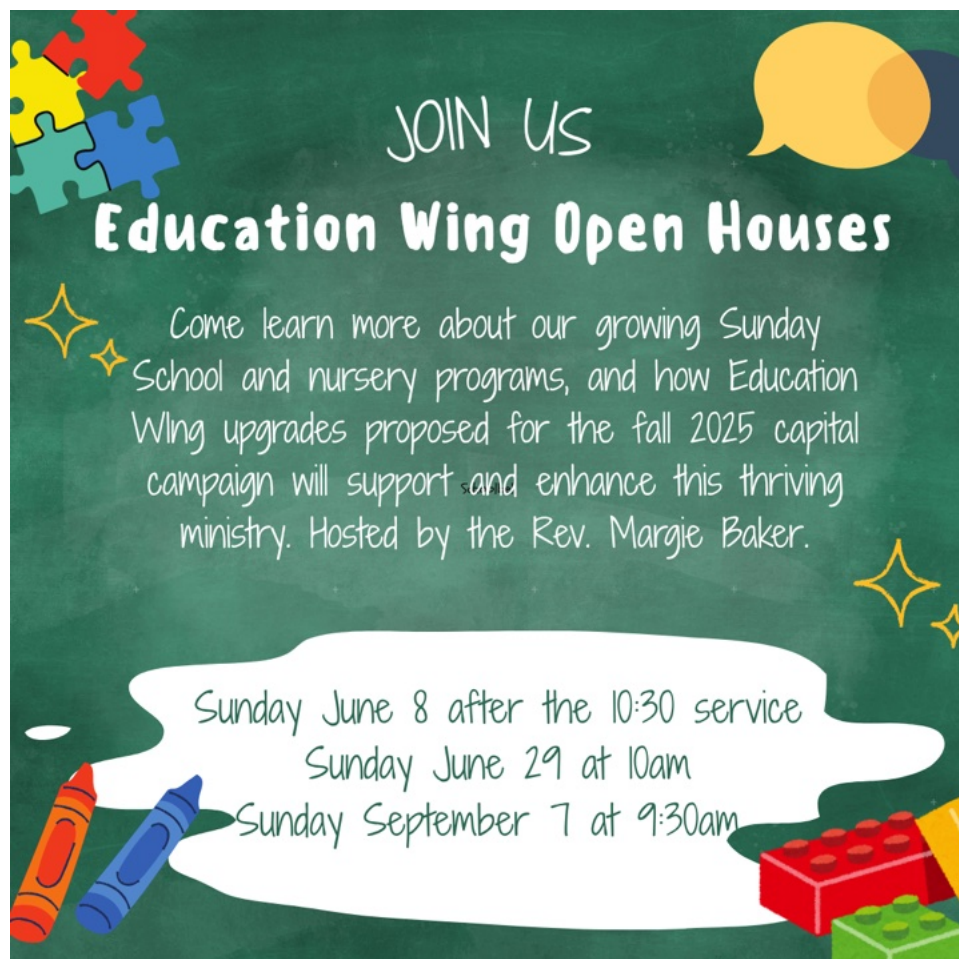
Midweek contemplative Eucharist on Wednesdays at 5:30 is on hiatus for the summer. We will resume midweek Eucharist on Wednesday, September 10.

Youth Sunday and parish picnic, TODAY at the 10:30 service and afterward. At our annual Youth Sunday service, we recognize the children and youth who serve as choristers and acolytes, and participate in Sunday School and EYC (youth group). Youth Sunday also features senior sermons and recognition of our adult Sunday School and youth group leaders. After the 10:30 service, we will take a congregational photo, followed by an Education Wing open house and the parish picnic.

Girls Night Out at the Van Dyk/Wilcox home, Tuesday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. It has become a tradition for women of the parish (21 and older) to gather after the Spring Fling fundraiser for a casual get-together in a parishioner's home that also adds to the funds raised. While some attendees purchased their Girls Night Out tickets at the Spring Fling, ALL women of the parish and friends are invited! The cost is \$25 per person; you may send in or drop off payment to the church office (please put Girls Night Out in the memo) or pay at the event (check or exact cash only). Girls Night Out will be hosted by Virginia Van Dyk at her home, 58 Walbridge Road.

Choir School open house, Wednesday, June 11 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. We welcome children and youth (age 7 and up) who like to sing to come learn more about St. John's Choir School program. Everyone is welcome — choristers and their families do not have to be members of St. John's! More details on p. 17. Please RSVP to Nick Capozzoli at nick@sjparish.net.

Summer service schedule begins on June 22. From June 22 through August 31, there will be a 9 a.m. service outside in the Cloister Garden (Hubbard Hall if it rains) and a 10:30 service in the nave.





St. John's Choir School

OPEN HOUSE

*Do you know a child (age 7 or older) who likes to sing?
Bring them to our Choir School Open House!*

Wednesday, June 11
Drop off between 4:30 and 5 p.m.
5 to 6 p.m. singing and games
6 to 6:30 p.m. dinner

**RSVP to Nick Capozzoli at nick@sjparish.net or
860.523.5201 x324**

*Parents/caregivers are welcome to drop off/pick up
or stay to observe.*



A photograph showing several children in white choir robes standing in a courtyard with stone columns. One child is sitting on the steps in the foreground, while others are standing or leaning against the columns in the background.

GUIDED CHRISTIAN FOREST THERAPY

Saturday, June 28 or
Saturday, July 12

10am to noon

Penwood State Park
Bloomfield, CT

"You didn't come into this world. You came out of it, like a wave from the ocean. You are not a stranger here. - Alan Watts

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow..." - Jesus in Matthew 6:28

Based on Japanese forest bathing, forest therapy has holistic health benefits—mental, emotional physical, spiritual. A group walk in the woods with a guide offers inspiration, energy, and a sense of well-being.

Join St. John's Priest Associate the Reverend Nancy Wright for a two-hour program that includes a brief meditation, short nature-based exercises, conversation, and tea. The goal is for participants to feel lighter and more relaxed after this time together.

Please RSVP to Nancy for one of the two Saturday dates. Space limited to 15 participants. Bring water, a foldable chair or cushion, and a snack as needed. Please no pets.

RSVP to Nancy Wright at NWright@nesynod.org

St. John's Summer Sundays

9 a.m. outdoors

10:30 a.m. indoors & livestreamed

June 22 through August 31

St. John's Episcopal Church

A place to discover connections with God and one another in Christ

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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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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	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