

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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

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*The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*July 27, 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. We do not provide nursery care during the summer, although our Education Wing has seating and a changing table for parents/caregivers to use as needed. Professionally staffed nursery care from 9 a.m. to noon on Sundays will resume on September 7.



## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY    Sheep may safely graze

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 433    We gather together  
*All stand and sing.*

KREMSER

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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

*Celebrant*    Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

1 Glo-ry be to God in hea-ven, peace to those who love you well; on the earth let all your peo-ple  
 2 On-ly Son of God the Fa-ther, Lamb who takes our sin a-way, now with God in tri-umph seat-ed—

speaK your graCe, your won-ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your glo-ry, might-y Fa-ther,  
 for your mer-cy, Lord, we pray: Je-sus Christ, most high and ho-ly, Sav-ior, you are

hea-ven's king; hear our joy-ful a-dor-a-tion and ac-cept the thanks we bring.  
 God a-lone in the glo-ry of the Fa-ther with the Spir-it: Three-in-One!

*Text: Gloria in excelsis, para. Michael Parry (b. 1942)*

*Music: ODE TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1872)*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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

*Hosea 1:2–10*

*All sit.*

**W**hen the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, “Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.” So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the Lord said to him, “Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.” She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, “Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.” When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, “Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.” Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, “You are not my people,” it shall be said to them, “Children of the living God.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 85**The people say the words in bold.*

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \*  
**you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.**
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
**and blotted out all their sins.**
- 3 You have withdrawn all your fury \*  
**and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.**
- 4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; \*  
**let your anger depart from us.**
- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? \*  
**will you prolong your anger from age to age?**
- 6 Will you not give us life again, \*  
**that your people may rejoice in you?**
- 7 Show us your mercy, O Lord, \*  
**and grant us your salvation.**
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
**that his glory may dwell in our land.**
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
**and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
**and our land will yield its increase.**
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
**and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Colossians 2:6–15*

**A**s you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him,

when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 711    Seek ye first the kingdom of God

SEEK YE FIRST

*All stand and sing.*

THE GOSPEL

*Luke 11:1–13*

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

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

**J**esus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

*Minister*    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Margie Baker

*All sit.*

THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth,**

**of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,**

eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
 and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE CONFESSION

*The people say the words in bold.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean our presiding bishop, for Jeff and Laura our bishops, and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence. The people may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence. The people may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence. The people may add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*All*           **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant*   Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant*   The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All*           **And also with you.**

## THE WELCOME

*All sit.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC Bist du bei mir

Johann Sebastian Bach

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

*All stand and sing.*

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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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 our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time, you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices as we sing:

## THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav'n 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. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*Music: Land of Rest, arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)**All remain standing or kneel.*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to

draw the world to himself yet we were heedless for his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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 INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Take this bread, share this wine. In these Christ comes to us with love from God. The gifts of God for the people of God.

*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 MUSIC Siciliano

Johann Sebastian Bach

## 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 680 O God, our help in ages past

ST. ANNE

*All stand and sing.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fugue in E-flat St. Anne, BWV 552

Johann Sebastian Bach

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**THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**

**Celebrant and Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker

**Crucifer & Chalice Bearer:** Bill Lockery

**Layreader & Chalice Bearer:** Matteo Donnelly

**Organist:** Nick Capozzoli

**Flutist:** Nancy Skeele

**Ushers:** Jo Anne Burgh, Don Polk

**Livestream Operator:** Margaret Blume

**Altar Guild:** June Aziz, Brenda Zanta

**Healing Prayer Minister:** Sarah Kieffer

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

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Brad Babbitt	Michael Mei
Juliette Peck	Ryan Honyotski
David Kvam	David Beers
John Wilcox	Jim Sharp

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Sara & Patrick Wigmore  
 Carolyn & Stanley Giliberto  
 Amy & Todd FitzGerald  
 Lyn Walker & Tyler Smith  
 Susan & Brad Thomas  
 Fumi & Ilesanmi Adeboye

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. John's, Salisbury; Trinity, Seymour; Christ Church, Sharon; and for parish office volunteers, curates, seminary interns, parish assistants and associates, and missional curacies.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

### Mark your calendars for these upcoming activities!

*More details about these events are on the following pages and also in the weekly e-newsletter.*

- **Sundays in August:** Singers of all ages and experience level are invited to sing an anthem during the 10:30 service. Meet in the church at 9:45 a.m. to rehearse.
- **August 24 at both services:** Blessing of the Backpacks for students and educators
- **August 31, after the 10:30 service:** Acolyte lunch and training for *current and new* acolytes. We welcome any youth in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up to join this ministry, including those who sing with the Choir School. Lunch provided.
- **September 7:**
  - Return to 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. service schedule
  - Staffed nursery care resumes from 9 a.m. to noon (age 6 and under)
  - Sunday School (age 3 to 18) and adult education resume at 9:30 a.m.
  - Education wing open houses at 9:30 a.m. and during coffee hour
  - Training for capital campaign volunteers after coffee hour (lunch provided)

**Clergy summer vacation schedules:** Todd FitzGerald, rector, is in Maine for the month of July, where he serves a summer chapel in Cape Neddick. He will be back in the office on July 29 and at Sunday services on August 3. Margie Baker, associate rector, will be away for much of August in New Jersey, where she serves a summer chapel in Longport. She will leave on August 6, and be back in the office on August 27 and at Sunday services on August 31. Please refrain from reaching out to Todd and Margie about non-urgent matters during their time away. Throughout the summer, at least one clergy person and other staff will be available, although we will occasionally close the office on days when we are very short-staffed; these closures will be announced in the weekly e-news.

ST. JOHN'S

# SUMMER SINGERS

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join the St. John's Summer Singers, a casual and fun way to make music together! No experience is necessary, all ages are welcome, and you may participate on one, several, or all Sundays. Meet in the church to rehearse a simple anthem at 9:45 a.m. on August Sundays .

Contact Nick Capozzoli at [music@sjparish.net](mailto:music@sjparish.net) with questions.

**SUNDAYS IN AUGUST AT  
9:45 A.M.**





JOIN US

## Education Wing Open Houses

Come learn more about our growing Sunday School and nursery programs, and how Education Wing upgrades proposed for the fall 2025 capital campaign will support and enhance this thriving ministry. Hosted by the Rev. Margie Baker.

Sunday July 20 at 10am  
Sunday September 7 at 9:30am  
+ during coffee hour

# **BE AN ACOLYTE!**

**Children and youth in grades three and above are invited to lead worship as acolytes.**

**Training for new and returning acolytes will be Sunday, August 31 after the 10:30 service. Lunch will be provided.**

**Mark your calendars!  
Questions? Contact Margie**



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## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 9 a.m.: Holy Eucharist in the Cloister Garden

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist in the church (also livestreamed)

## STAFF

The Rev. Todd FitzGerald (todd@sjparish.net).....	Rector
The Rev. Margie Baker (margie@sjparish.net).....	Associate Rector
Ellen Painter Dollar (ellen@sjparish.net) .....	Director of Operations & Communications
Dwight Latif (dwight@sjparish.net) .....	Sexton
Nick Capozzoli (nick@sjparish.net).....	Director of Music
Peggy O'Toole (peggy@sjparish.net).....	Financial Administrator
Christa Rakich .....	Organ Artist-in-Residence*
Ralph Valentine .....	Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus*
The Rev. Rebecca Bourret .....	Priest Associate*
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
Tim Goetz 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