

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

August 31, 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. 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 Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend, BWV 709 J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 586 Jesu, thou divine Companion PLEADING SAVIOR
All stand and sing.

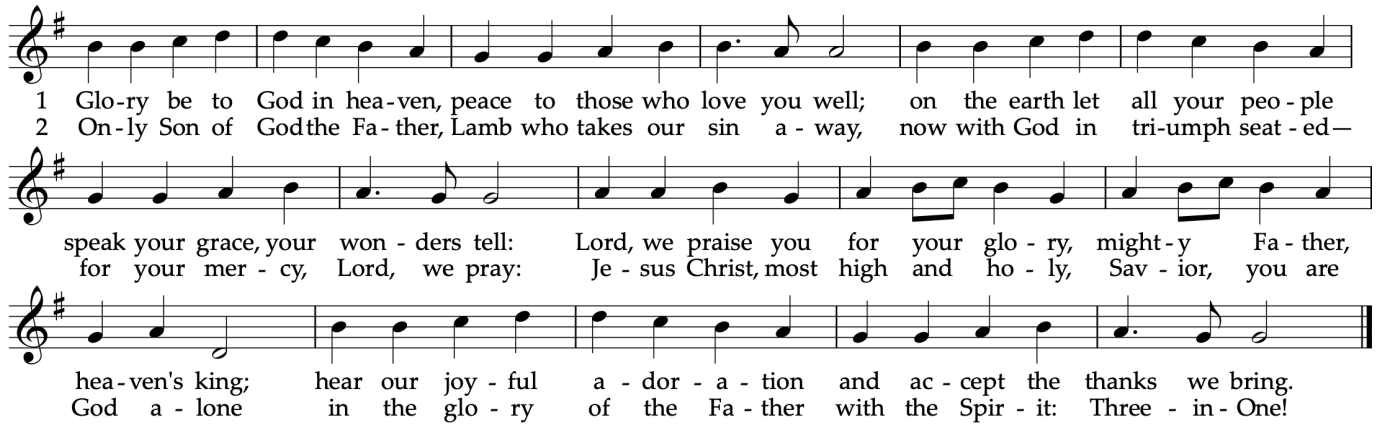
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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. Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

Jeremiah 2:4–13

All sit.

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 81:1, 10–16**The people say the words in bold.*

- 1 Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- 10 **I am the Lord your God,**
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
“Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”
- 11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.
- 12 **So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, ***
to follow their own devices.
- 13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 **I should soon subdue their enemies ***
and turn my hand against their foes.
- 15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.
- 16 **But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat ***
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?” Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN Will you let me be your servant

Richard Gillard (b. 1953)

All stand and sing.

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you;
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, fel - low trav - ellers on the road;
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time of your fear;
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
 5 When we sing to God in hea - ven, we shall find such har - mo - ny,
 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you;



pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 we are here to help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and a - go - ny.
 pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant too.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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 ANTHEM Gracious Spirit, dwell with me

K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

Text: Thomas T. Lynch (1818–1871) and K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
 Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
 And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
 And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savoir, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
 Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
 And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
 And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
 Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee.
 Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
 And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
 Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
 'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
 Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.

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.**

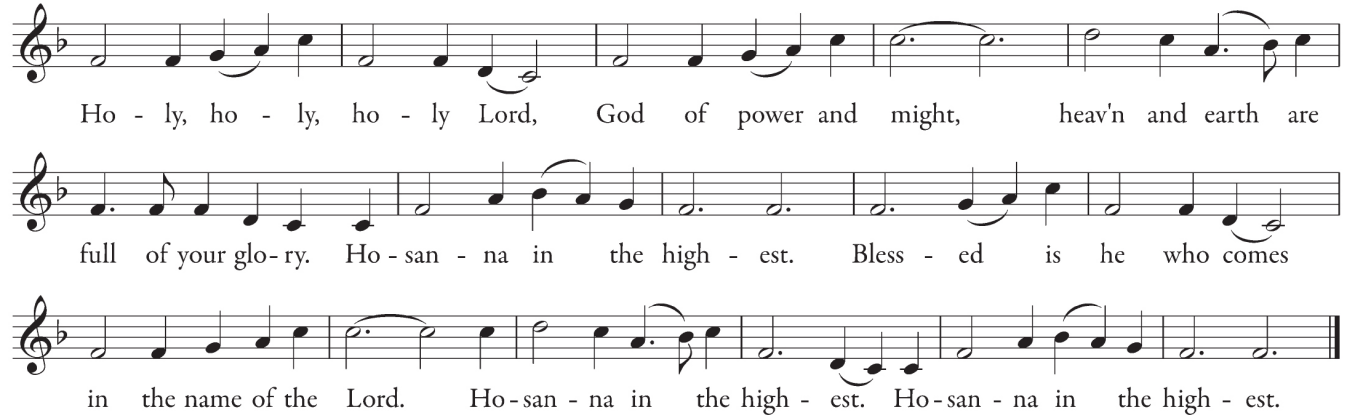
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 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 438 Tell out, my soul

WOODLANDS

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fuga sopra il Magnificat, BWV 733

Johann Sebastian Bach

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald**Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Layreader & Chalice Bearer:** Matteo Donnelly**Crucifer & Chalice Bearer:** Dave Derby**The St. John's Summer Singers****Organist:** Nick Capozzoli**Ushers:** Matt Ciscel & Annabel Clapp**Livestream Operator:** Ray Giolitto**Altar Guild:** June Aziz, Buffy Ineson**Healing Prayer Minister:** Wes Winterbottom**Now accepting memorial flower names/donations for 2025-2026**

Most Sundays during the program year (September – June), St. John's adorns our high altar with flowers as a reminder of God's beauty and bounty, and a symbol of our praise and worship. We invite you to remember or honor a loved one by contributing to the Altar Flower Fund for the 2025–2026 program year. The name(s) of those you wish to honor will be listed in the Sunday bulletin on your specified date.

To honor or remember someone you love with a flower memorial in 2025–2026, please do one of the following:

- **Go to sjparish.net/flowers** to fill out an online Google form (please read the instructions carefully!), and send in your donation separately, OR
- **Pick up a paper altar flower form at either entrance to the church**, complete it, and return it via mail or the offering plate with your donation.

The suggested donation is \$50 for each Sunday or holiday on which you would like to honor a loved one, although any amount is appreciated. You may donate by check (written to St. John's Church with "Flowers" in the memo line) or online at sjparish.net/give-to-st-johns (choose "Non-pledge Gifts" and put "Flowers" in the memo).

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	John Murray	Chris
Martha Babbitt	Gracie	Spencer Rothman	Stephan Christiansen
Linda	Jackie Harding		

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Sloane Curtis	Jason Carl
Jadzia Genece	Jayden Donnelly
Benjamin Puzzo	Jack Adams

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Sharon & Mike Henes

Lauren Mascola & John Swift

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for all Episcopal schools, seminaries, and campus ministries: Kent School; South Kent School; Pomfret School; Salisbury School; Wooster School; Rectory School; St. Thomas Day School, New Haven; Trinity Academy, Hartford; the Episcopal Church at UCONN, Storrs; Berkeley Divinity School; New Haven; The Episcopal Church at Yale, New Haven; Trinity College, Hartford.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of South India (United).

Our annual acolyte lunch and training will take place TODAY after the 10:30 service.

Next Sunday, September 7, marks the return to our program year schedule:

- Services in the church at 8 and 10:30 a.m.
- Staffed nursery care from 9 a.m. to noon (age 6 and under)
- Sunday School and adult education at 9:30 a.m.*
- Coffee hour after the 10:30 service (see note below about our coffee hour process!)
- Education wing open houses at 9:30 a.m. and during coffee hour
- Training for capital campaign volunteers after coffee hour (lunch provided)

*Beginning this fall, the primary Sunday School class (ages 3-6) will meet starting at 9 a.m. instead of 9:30. If your child can't get here at 9, that's okay! The nature of the primary curriculum allows us to welcome children arriving later.

Weekly Wednesday evening Eucharist resumes on September 10 at 5:30 p.m. Most Wednesdays throughout the program year, there is a short service of spoken Holy Eucharist in the chancel (front of the church).

Did you know you can always access a live version of our parish master calendar? Whether you want to double check the time that an event is starting, or make sure there are no conflicts for a parish event you're planning, you can always see the most up-to-date version of the church calendar at sjparish.net/calendar. The calendar is also accessible from the home page of our web site: Under the "Connect" heading, "Church Calendar" is the second item listed.

Training for current and new livestream volunteers on Monday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. OR Sunday, September 14 at noon. An average of 91 people watch the livestream video of each Sunday's 10:30 service — all thanks to our "Stream Team" who manage the livestream recording. We're holding two brief trainings in September as a refresher for current volunteers, and for potential new volunteers to learn more about this ministry. While volunteers need to be comfortable using a computer, this role does not require any special technical skills. If you're interested, attend one of the training sessions or contact Mary Honyotski (maryhonyotski@gmail.com), Jenn Baker (phillje0@gmail.com), or Ray Giolitto (concerts@sjparish.net).

Potluck gathering for worship volunteers, Friday, September 19 at 6 p.m. at the FitzGerald home. We're always grateful for the dozens of volunteers who contribute to our worship services, but are especially thankful now, as we look ahead to a full and exciting new program year. All ushers, layreaders, altar guild members, livestreamers, healing prayer ministers, and acolytes are invited to a casual potluck gathering at the rector's home on Friday evening, September 19. Full details are in the graphic on page 15.

New handicapped parking signs installed on church grounds. Over the summer, our House Committee and sexton created three new handicapped spaces with special signage indicating that they are reserved for people with handicapped parking placards *on Sunday mornings and for other worship services only*. One additional space was added at each of the following locations: the back ramped entrance, the front driveway, and the parking lot facing Farmington Avenue. At times when no worship services are happening, anyone may use these spaces.

Help us stock up for our neighbors in need. We have two ministries for supporting neighbors in need who come to the church looking for help: **Blessing Bags** are small reusable tote bags given out by our clergy and staff and filled with necessities such as socks, winter accessories, t-shirts, toiletries, snacks, and water. The **Blessing Box** is a small self-service food pantry located in the Abraham's Welcome garden area on the Farmington Avenue side of the church property. As fall approaches, we'd like to stock up on items for these two ministries. We have an Amazon wish list, from which you can order and have items directly shipped to the church. Go to sjparish.net/blessingbags. Or you may purchase items at your preferred retailer and drop them at the church office any time. Note that we have a greater use for *full-size* toiletries (especially shampoo, deodorant, and toothpaste) vs. trial size. Please put food donations directly into the Blessing Box. Thank you!

Coffee hour resumes on September 7 after the 10:30 service! Last September, parishioner Matteo Donnelly initiated a new coffee hour process that worked very well. We ask parishioners to bring a sweet or savory snack (homemade or store-bought) to share at coffee hour one Sunday a month, based on the first letter of your last name. If you won't be here on "your" Sunday, there is no need to drop off or send in food — just look for another month when the schedule works better for you! The schedule is as follows:

- Last name A through F: First Sunday of the month
- G through L: Second Sunday of the month
- M through R: Third Sunday of the month
- S through Z: Fourth Sunday of the month
- The Donnelly family will cover any fifth Sundays (but let them know if you'd like to help!).

Coffee hour will resume next Sunday, September 7, which is the first Sunday of the month, so families with last names starting with A through F are up! Contact Matteo at mdpsych123@gmail.com with questions.

ADULT EDUCATION

at St. John's FALL 2025

SEPTEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Celebration of Ministry w/ light breakfast 14 Intro to capital campaign phases & goals 21 The Episcopal Church 101 28 Presentation by our community partner schools
OCTOBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 Spiritual direction with the Rev. Nancy Wright 12 Intergenerational lesson on All Saints 19 Deep Roots, New Growth: Capital campaign update 26 Instructed Eucharist
NOVEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Centering prayer with the Rev. Nancy Wright 9 "We the People" photo project with Ginny Kemp 16 Commitment Sunday: Fall pledge campaign update 23 Faith@Work #1: Speaker TBA 30 Advent: What are we waiting for?
DECEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Advent: How are we to wait? 14 Faith@Work #2: Speaker TBA 21 The Art of Faith: Incarnation

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30 AM IN HUBBARD HALL
 Schedule subject to change. See each Thursday's e-news for updates.

St. John's annual Celebration of Ministry

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
9:30 AM IN
HUBBARD HALL

Our first adult education session of the 2025-2026 program year features the annual Celebration of Ministry. Hear from St. John's leaders about some of our core ministries and how you can get involved. Bagels, muffins, fruit, coffee, and tea will be served. All parish adults are welcome!

Livestream Training Sessions

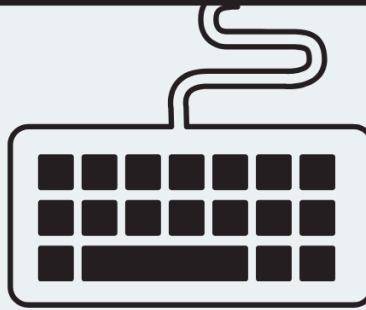
FOR CURRENT AND NEW LIVESTREAM VOLUNTEERS!

**Monday 9/8 at 6:30pm OR
Sunday 9/14 at 12pm**

Our volunteer "Stream Team" manages the livestream process on Sundays and for other major services. We invite all current livestream volunteers, as well as anyone who would like to learn more about this ministry, to attend ONE of the scheduled training sessions above. You don't need any special technical skills to run the livestream.

We will train you!

QUESTIONS? Contact Mary Honyotski (maryhonyotski@gmail.com),
Jenn Baker (philjeo@gmail.com) or Ray Giolitto
(concerts@sjparish.net)



Potluck Party

FOR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Who: The volunteers who make worship happen every week! Ushers, layreaders, acolytes*, livestreamers, healing prayer ministers, altar guild. Family members are also welcome.

When: Friday, September 19 at 6 p.m.

Where: The FitzGerald's' home (46 Ironwood Dr., West Hartford)

Why: To say "thank you" and celebrate all that you do to support St. John's worship!

**PLEASE RSVP AND SIGN UP TO BRING
SOMETHING AT
SJPARISH.NET/VOLUNTEERPOTLUCK**

*We ask that acolytes age 10 and under attend with a parent or other adult

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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
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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