

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

June 28, 2026

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.

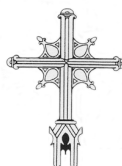
If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to sjparish.net/newcomer



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 staffed nursery care over the summer. The nursery will reopen on Sunday, September 13, when the new program year begins.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Tierce en Taille

François Couperin (1668–1733)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 518 Christ is made the sure foundation
All stand and sing.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

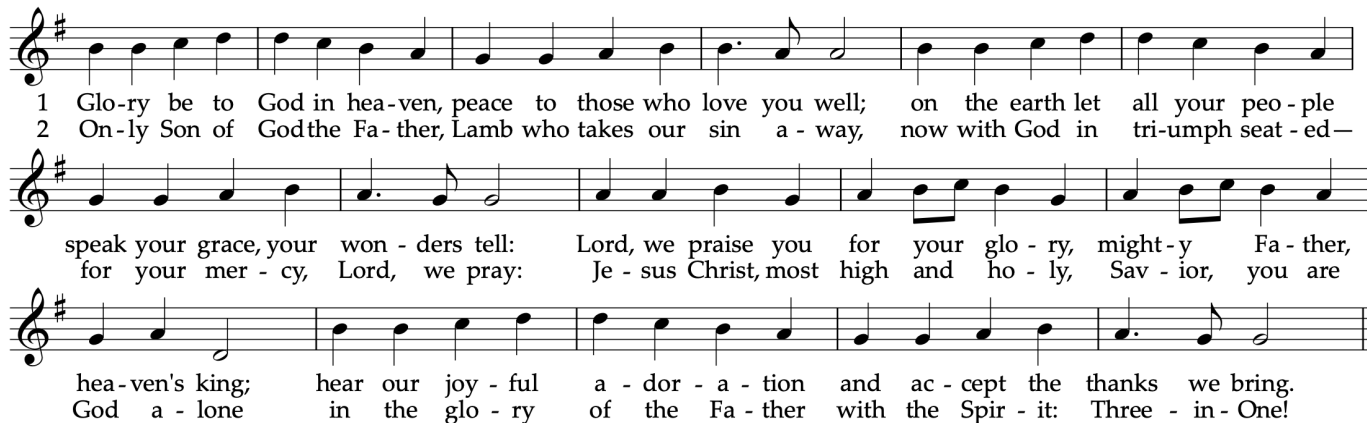
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 SONG OF PRAISE



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. Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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 28:5-9

All sit.

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18

The people say the words in bold.

- 1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 **For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; ***
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 **"I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations."**
- 15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! *
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.
- 16 **They rejoice daily in your Name; *
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**
- 17 For you are the glory of their strength, *
and by your favor our might is exalted.
- 18 **Truly, the Lord is our ruler; *
the Holy One of Israel is our King.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 6:12–23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN Will you let me be your servant

SERVANT SONG

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.

Text and music: Richard Gillard (b. 1953)

THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 10:40–42**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

THE SERMON

Todd FitzGerald

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, especially those on our parish prayer list.

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

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

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 say:

THE SANCTUS

All sing.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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.

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 instead of receiving Communion, 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.

Confidential prayers are available with a trained healing prayer minister at the back of the church near the baptismal font. If you would like to pray with someone about life's challenges or joys, go to the font 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 609 Where cross the crowded ways of life

GARDINER

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Rigaudon

André Campra (1660–1744)

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Margie Baker

Preacher: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Lector & Chalice Bearer: Matteo Donnelly

Intercessor & Chalice Bearer: Lauren Mascola

Organist: Nick Capozzoli

Ushers: Don Polk, David Vandermeulen

Healing Prayer Minister: Dave Grimaldi

Livestream Operator: Mary Honyotski

Altar Guild: John Dustin, Buffy Ineson

In your prayers this week, please pray for:**Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:**

Kim Green	Susan	Joyce Flynn	Wendy
Virginia Skeele	Sue	Joan Ackley	Joseph
Grant Loevenbruck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Jon Nelson	Sarah Carroll
John & Barbara Spannaus	Harry Barber	Ned	Greg Highland
Jennifer Blean	Doug Larson	Roger	Rachel
Hale Walkoff	Miranda	Daniel Zoltan	Lucas
Rod Farrell	Allison and Family	Jim & Kathlyn Schofield	Amy Bittinger
Hillary Lord	Linda	John Scott	Mike
Helen Rosen	Tom Tata	Eric Zoltan	Rick
Nick Willke	Timothy Foga	Elizabeth Myers	Richard Myers
Tracie O'Brien	Shoemaker Family	Robert & Erika Roy	Carol
Naya	Elsa	Meghan	Paul Thaxton
Amy	Heidi	Bonnie Evans	Stephanie
Cora	Alondra	Dennis	Alberto Guzman
Beth	Andrew Worrell	John Murray	Kathy Beynor
Katie	Sam Wiley	Spencer Rothman	Sara Enright
Anne	Gracie	Rosow Family	April
Martha Babbitt	Jackie Harding	Meg	John Neil Bannon
Linda	Will S.	Tom Lauterbach	Cyndy Bittinger
Jamie Blean	Karen Bacon Rogers	Christina Andrews	Vera Borowik
Emily Brielle Clark	Dave Woolley	Mary Jo Keating	Amity Gage
Brendan	Drew Baker	Ruth Barr	Ann Hutchinson
Betsy Smith	Scott Wilmot	Stevens Family	Kara & Sage
Dave	J.L.M.	Allison Hild & family	Donald Myers

Those serving in the military:

Michael Meehan; Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Jordan Kinsky	Seirra Fowler	Hutch Booker
Jillian Puzzo	Joe Pace	Dwight Latif
Kara Hart	Daniel Katsipis	Nkosi Barrow
Amy FitzGerald	Laura Roche	
Bob Kennedy	Kyle Baker	

St. John's community partner organizations:

Loaves & Fishes, Journey Home, Grace Academy, Covenant Preparatory School, Trinity Academy, Habitat for Humanity, West Hartford adult ed/ESOL/Citizenship program, Dignity Grows, Place of Grace Food Pantry

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Peter's, Oxford; Christ Church, Oxford; St. John's, Pine Meadow; and for summer chapels in New London, Norfolk, and Fenwick; summer and outdoor worship services; and Vacation Bible Schools and parish-based summer camp programs.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Upcoming events

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

- **July 6, 7 p.m. in Zoom:** A new online Bible study series begins
- **August 23 at both services:** Blessing of the Backpacks for students and educators
- **September 6, after the 10:30 service:** Acolyte lunch and training for *current and new* acolytes. We welcome any youth in 3rd grade and up to join this ministry, including those who sing with the Choir School.

Clergy summer vacation schedules: Todd FitzGerald, rector, will be 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 2. Margie Baker, associate rector, will be away for much of August in New Jersey, where she serves a summer chapel in Longport. 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.

St. John's Summer Sundays

9 a.m. outdoors

10:30 a.m. indoors & livestreamed

June 21 through September 6

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 9 a.m.: Holy Eucharist in the Cloister Garden (or Hubbard Hall)

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

STAFF

The Rev. Todd FitzGerald (todd@sjparish.net).....	Rector
The Rev. Margie Baker (margie@sjparish.net).....	Associate Rector
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Francis Pipczynski (francis@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

Susan Fay.....	Warden
Tom Oberholtzer	Warden
Jeff Kinney and John Wilcox	Treasurers

2024–27: Lauren Mascola, Stacey Samuel Bannon, Brenda Zanta

2025–28: Kim Byrd, Matteo Donnelly, Jeff Verney

2026–29: Betsy Chicares, Matt Ciscel, Young Hee Derby, Don Polk