

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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## *The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*October 4, 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](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 may 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! While families are welcome to sit anywhere, we have two family areas set aside, one at the front of the church and one at the back, with seating for caregivers and quiet activities for children. Children are also welcome to take these activities back to their seat.

Our staffed nursery is available on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon for children up to age 6. Caregivers are welcome to leave children in the nursery for part or all of the service. Changing tables are available in the main floor restrooms and in the nursery. To get to the restrooms and nursery, exit the nave (worship space) through the side door that leads to the parish hall, or ask an usher for directions.



## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Sister Moon, Mother Earth

James Woodman (b. 1957)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 400 vv. 1–4, 7 All creatures of our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
*All stand and sing verses 1-4 and 7.*

## 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 to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,

we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: David Hurd (b. 1950)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 5:1–7**All sit.*

**L**et me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 121*

*Chanted by the choir. The people sing the antiphon before and after the psalm.*



- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore. **Antiphon sung by all**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Philippians 3:4b–14*

**I**f anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 593      Lord, make us servants of your peace

DICKINSON COLLEGE

*All stand and sing.*

## THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 21:33–46*

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

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

**J**esus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

*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

*The people say the words in bold.*

Let us offer prayers to God for the vineyard of the Lord, and for all those in need.

For the Church and all its people, especially Sean, our presiding bishop; Jeff and Laura, our bishops; and the clergy and members of this parish, that we may press on toward the goal for the prize God has prepared for us. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that we may be strengthened to produce a harvest rich in justice, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For an end to conflict everywhere, that the fruit of justice and compassion will bring forth a season of understanding and care for one another. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For our public discourse, that we may see God's image in each other, respond to others without hatred or bitterness, and respect the dignity of every human being. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all who tend the fields and provide food for our tables, that God will protect them, and that those who benefit from their labor will advocate for just wages and safe working conditions. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that the peace of God that passes all understanding may fill their minds and hearts. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all the departed, that they may share in the abundant harvest of the kingdom of heaven. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Beloved God of the vineyard, hear our prayers and enrich your church with new growth, that we may bear fruit in abundance and produce a rich harvest for eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All remain standing or kneel.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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 Prayer of St. Francis

Kola Owolabi (b. 1977)

Text: attrib. Francis of Assisi (c. 1181–1226)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;  
 where there is sadness, joy.  
 O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
 to be consoled as to console,  
 to be understood as to understand,  
 to be loved as to love.  
 For it is in giving that we receive,  
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.



*Today's anthem sets the famous prayer attributed to Francis of Assisi (whose feast day is today), though it never appears in any of the saint's writings. Kola Owolabi is currently professor of organ at the University of Notre Dame.*

## 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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav - en 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, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Setting: Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954).

*All remain standing or kneel.*

And so, God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

**AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### THE FRACTION ANTHEM

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Cantor*  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

*All*  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

*Setting: Melissa Dunphy (b. 1980)*

### 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 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 COMMUNION ANTHEM    Tantum ergo

Jessica French (b. 1984)

Text: St. Thomas Aquinas (1226–1274)

Tantum ergo Sacramentum  
Veneremur cernui:  
Et antiquum documentum  
Novo cedat ritui:  
Præstet fides supplementum  
Sensuum defectui.

*Down in adoration falling,  
Lo! the sacred Host we hail;  
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing,  
newer rites of grace prevail;  
faith for all defects supplying,  
where the feeble senses fail.*

Genitori, Genitoque  
Laus et iubilatio,  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque  
Sit et benedictio:  
Procedenti ab utroque  
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

*To the everlasting Father,  
and the Son who reigns on high,  
with the Holy Ghost proceeding  
forth from Each eternally,  
be salvation, honor, blessing,  
might and endless majesty. Amen.*



Seattle-based composer Jessica French has a rare ability called synesthesia, in which various senses are linked to one another, mainly in the form of colors associated with notes, timbres, and words. This ability lends a unique voice to her compositional style, which has been described as having “lyrical, sweeping lines...deeply impassioned...atmospheric...shimmering harmonies.” All of these adjectives aptly describe her setting of this ancient Eucharistic hymn.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 395 Creating God, your fingers trace  
All remain seated and sing.

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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 428 O all ye works of God  
All sing.

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

THE VOLUNTARY Marche joyeuse Tate Pumfrey (b. 1998)

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***All are invited to Hubbard Hall for coffee hour and to help make sandwiches for Loaves & Fishes.***

**THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY****Celebrant and Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Assisting Clergy:** The Reverend Nancy Wright**Layreader & Chalice Bearer:** Matteo Donnelly**Acolytes:** Jamie Baker, Bobby Eikel, Virginia Eikel**The St. John's Adult Choir & Choir School****Organist and Choirmaster:** Nick Capozzoli**Ushers:** Annabel Clapp, Molly Cooper, Austin Longendyke, Dan Minster**Livestream Operator:** Jenn Baker**Healing Prayer Minister:** John Dustin**Altar Guild:** Yana Grigoryeva, Shannon Lynch, Brenda Zanta**Sunday School Teachers:** Enid Oberholtzer, Beth Kauczka, Mary Honyotski,

Liz Marchion, Matt Ciscel, Leah Lorenzo, Buffy Ineson

**Nursery Staff:** Nichole Segar, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bob and Marsha Jacobson.

*If you would like to make a donation toward the Sunday altar flowers to honor or remember a loved one, please use our online form at [sparish.net/flowers](http://sparish.net/flowers) or pick up a paper form on the information cart in Hubbard Hall.*

# PIPES ALIVE!



## Nick Capozzoli

### October 4, 12:30pm

St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford

Events are available  
livestreamed at  
[www.reddoormusic.org](http://www.reddoormusic.org)



**MUSIC AT THE  
RED DOOR**

**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           |
| John & Barbara Spannaus | Tessa Trussell Wolf | Jon Nelson              | Sarah Carroll    |
| Jennifer Blean          | Harry Barber        | Roger                   | Greg Highland    |
| Hale Walkoff            | Doug Larson         | Daniel Zoltan           | Rachel           |
| Rod Farrell             | Miranda             | Jim & Kathlyn Schofield | Lucas            |
| Hillary Lord            | Linda               | John Scott              | Amy Bittinger    |
| Helen Rosen             | Shoemaker Family    | Eric Zoltan             | Mike             |
| Nick Willke             | Heidi               | Elizabeth Myers         | Rick             |
| Tracie O'Brien          | Andrew Worrell      | Meghan                  | Richard Myers    |
| Katie                   | Sam Wiley           | Bonnie Evans            | Carol            |
| Martha Babbitt          | Gracie              | Dennis                  | Paul Thaxton     |
| Linda                   | Jackie Harding      | John Murray             | Stephanie        |
| Jamie Blean             | Karen Bacon Rogers  | Spencer Rothman         | Alberto Guzman   |
| Brendan                 | Dave Woolley        | Rosow Family            | Kathy Beynor     |
| Betsy Smith             | Drew Baker          | Meg                     | Sara Enright     |
| Young Jin Kim           | Scott Wilmot        | Tom Lauterbach          | April            |
| Janice Meehan           | J.L.M.              | Christina Andrews       | John Neil Bannon |
| Stevens Family          | Charles Coyne       | Mary Jo Keating         | Cyndy Bittinger  |
| Jo-Ann Sadosky          | Dave                | Ruth Barr               | Amity Gaige      |
| Allison Mani            | Shivani & Deb       | Donald Myers            | Ann Hutchinson   |
| Ian                     | Katie               | Susan Fiegel-Rapp       | Heather          |
| Anne                    | Marcus              | Brian                   | David            |
| John                    | Vanessa             |                         |                  |

**Those serving in the military:**

Michael Meehan; Alex Thaxton

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

|                 |                   |               |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Betsy Rose      | Douglas Hyland    | Fraz Lugay    |
| Natalie Puzzo   | Jerry Goetz       | Janet Babbitt |
| Peyton Layfield | Barbara Roos      | Susan Murphy  |
| Katie Bushman   | Joseph McConaughy | John Nowacki  |
| Jeff Gostyla    | Quinn Raymond     | Kate Miranda  |

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Margie & Jenn Baker      Caroline Deschamps & Nick Capozzoli  
 Laura & John Roche

**St. John's community partner organizations:**

Loaves & Fishes; Journey Home; Grace Academy; Covenant Preparatory School; Trinity Academy, Habitat for Humanity; West Hartford ESOL/citizenship program; Dignity Grows; Place of Grace Food Pantry; Church by the Pond; Stronger Families, Stronger Futures

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Trinity, Torrington; Christ Church, Trumbull; Trinity, Trumbull; and for the Creation Care Ministry Network, Community Garden Ministry Network, eco-justice work in Province 1, and all creatures, great and small.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

### Upcoming events

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

- **Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.:** Weekday spoken Holy Eucharist
- **TODAY after the 10:30 service:** Sandwich making for Loaves & Fishes
- **TODAY at 12:30 p.m.:** Pipes Alive! organ recital featuring Nick Capozzoli
- **TODAY at 5 p.m.:** EYC (youth group) for middle and high school with dinner provided
- **Sunday, October 11 at 2 p.m.:** Chamber concert by the New World Trio (Music at the Red Door ensemble-in-residence)
- **Saturday, October 17 from 12:30 to 3 p.m.:** Church by the Pond – Meet at St. John's at 12:30 to prepare bag lunches and/or join us at Bushnell Park at 2:00 for outdoor worship and lunch distribution
- **Sunday, October 18 at 5 p.m.:** Choral Evensong with the adult choirs from St. John's and St. Patrick-St. Anthony
- **Thursday, October 22 at 7 p.m.:** Interfaith panel conversation on the intersection of religious and LGBTQ+ identities, co-sponsored by St. John's, Congregation Beth Israel, and West Hartford Pride. Free and open to the public, with registration required. Go to [cbict.org](http://cbict.org) and look for the "Registration & Sign-ups" list on the right side of the home page. The event location will be provided to attendees after registration.
- **Friday, October 30 at 7 p.m.:** Concert featuring the winning pianists and string players from the 2026 Connecticut Bach Festival
- **Saturday, November 7 from 7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.:** Habitat for Humanity build day. See p. 15 for more information.

**CHURCH BY THE POND**

**Saturday, October 17 at 2pm**

**Bushnell Park**

Every Saturday at 2pm, 20-60 people gather for communion in Bushnell Park. Church by the Pond is a ministry of Christ Church Cathedral.

On October 17, St. John's will lead worship and provide and distribute bagged lunches after the service.

If you'd like to help, meet at St. John's at 12:30 to prepare lunches and drive over together. Or you may meet us at the park at 1:45. **Please email Todd at [todd@sjparish.net](mailto:todd@sjparish.net) if you plan to participate.**

Children and families welcome.

**Sign up to provide supplies at [sjparish.net/churchbythepond](http://sjparish.net/churchbythepond)**

**3RD ANNUAL PRIDE INTERFAITH PANEL:  
BUILDING BRIDGES FOR  
RELIGIOUS AND LGBTQ+**

**Thursday | 7PM  
Oct 22**

*Exploring the intersection of  
religious & LGBTQ+ identities.*

All are welcome to join us and hear from a  
wonderful panel of local faith leaders.  
For questions, please email [Pride@cbict.org](mailto:Pride@cbict.org).

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 **SAINT JOHN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

 **CONGREGATION  
BETH ISRAEL**

 **West Hartford  
PRIDE**

**Free Entry | Open to the Public**  
Location provided with registration.

 Registration required,  
go to [cbict.org](http://cbict.org) or scan  
the QR code.

**Join the St. John's team for a  
Habitat for Humanity build day on  
Saturday, November 7  
7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Hartford**

- We have space for 8 team members. Sign up by emailing Jeff Kinney at [jefpkin@gmail.com](mailto:jefpkin@gmail.com)
- Volunteers must be at least 16 years old, and if under 18, must attend with a chaperone.
- No specific skills are required.
- Tools, meals (breakfast and lunch), and water will be provided.
- Wear work clothes that can get dirty.

**To sign up:**

**Email Jeff at [jefpkin@gmail.com](mailto:jefpkin@gmail.com)**

**To support Habitat financially:**

**Go to [sjparish.net/habitat](http://sjparish.net/habitat) to give online**

# 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 (also livestreamed)

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.: Spoken Holy Eucharist

## STAFF

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| The Rev. Todd FitzGerald ( <a href="mailto:todd@sjparish.net">todd@sjparish.net</a> ).....  | <i>Rector</i>                                      |
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| The Rev. Mary Lynn Dell.....                                                                | <i>Priest Associate*</i>                           |
| The Rev. Joseph Pace .....                                                                  | <i>Priest Associate*</i>                           |
| The Rev. Nancy Wright.....                                                                  | <i>Priest Associate*</i>                           |

*\*These positions are non-stipendiary.*

## VESTRY

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Susan Fay.....                    | <i>Warden</i>     |
| Tom Oberholtzer .....             | <i>Warden</i>     |
| Jeff Kinney and John Wilcox ..... | <i>Treasurers</i> |

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