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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 19, 2019

7:45 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Word of God, page 355, Book of Common Prayer

The First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

The Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

Gospel: John 13:31-35

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Blessing and Dismissal

ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY: Heather Hopkins, *Reader and Chalice Bearer*; Thom Sinclair, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*; Pat Dalby, Katherine Kyle, and Sherill Mason, *Flower Guild*; Robyne Johnston, *Assistant Head Usher*.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the marriage yesterday of **Rebecca Gribble and James Rice**.

Collect

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us

when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Psalm 148

- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his;
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD;
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens,
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD,
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

Revelation 21:1-6

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

John 13:31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

All persons, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Our tradition is to receive both the bread and the wine, sharing in the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips. You may also intinct by dipping the wafer into the chalice. Receiving the bread only is a valid and acceptable way to share in Holy Communion. After consuming the wafer, cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available on request from the communion minister. Parents may decide if their children receive the bread and/or wine. Children may instead signal their desire to be blessed by the priest by crossing their arms over their chest.

LITURGICAL CHANGES DURING EASTERTIDE

Easter is the first of the two great cycles of feasts and holy days around which the church calendar is organized; the other is Christmas. And Easter, or Eastertide, is not just one day, but a fifty-day liturgical season which begins with the Great Vigil of Easter and ends on the Day of Pentecost. Easter has liturgical symbols and practices which you may notice

- 1) **Our opening acclamation** changes from Lent to Easter, when we begin the service recognizing the central message of our faith – Alleluia. Christ is risen!
- 2) **The Paschal Candle**, which represents Christ's presence among us as the light of the world, is lighted for all services.
- 3) **We will say the Gloria on page 356** instead of the more solemn Kyrie that is our pattern on other Sundays.
- 4) **Frontal color and matching vestments – white and gold.** We use a white altar frontal and the clergy wear white stoles. White symbolizes our hope of the Resurrection, as well as the purity and newness that come from victory over sin and death. Gold symbolizes the light of the risen Christ enlightening the world, as well as our exaltation of Jesus as Lord and King.
- 5) **Flowers are back in the church.** During Lent, we refrained from the use of flowers. The abundance of flowers today helps us rejoice in the power of the Resurrection.
- 6) **Alleluias are back!** Today we say Alleluia, in the opening sentences, and at the breaking of the bread (fraction) during communion. We give thanks that Christ not only died but also rose again to save us all.
- 7) **Remain standing instead of kneeling.** Whereas during Lent we knelt in the traditional prayer posture for penitence, today we stand at prayer in honor of Christ's rising again and in jubilant celebration of our salvation.
- 8) **Change in Eucharistic Prayer.** In place of Eucharistic Prayer B which we used during Lent, we go back to Eucharistic Prayer A, found on page 361.

THE REVEREND ROBERT W. FISHER
15th Rector of St. John's Church, Lafayette Square

We are delighted to announce that the Vestry has voted unanimously to call the Rev. Rob Fisher as the 15th Rector of St. John's Church. Rob is currently Rector of St. Dunston's Church in Carmel Valley, California. **Rob's first Sunday with us will be on June 23, 2019.**

RECTOR TRANSITION COMMITTEE

In order to help settle our wonderful new rector, Rob Fisher, and his family in Washington and at St. John's, the vestry has formed a Rector Transition Committee. The Committee is chaired by Nora Rigby, and members are Betsy Danello, Laura Herzog, Andrew Hunt, Frank Klotz, Sara McGanity, and Holly Sukenik. Rob, his wife Sarah Wood, and their daughter Zoe are all very excited to meet the parishioners of St. John's. Stay tuned for more information as events are scheduled.

SPEAKER SERIES SCHEDULE

The Speaker Series is held at 10:00 a.m. on the following Sunday in the Togo West Parlor:

May 19: Susan Page, Washington Bureau Chief, USA Today. She will speak on her newly released book, *The Matriarch: Barbara Bush and the Making of an American Dynasty*.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Sunday, May 19
10:10 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Back by popular demand and made possible because of volunteer support, St. John's will host one more session of Children's Music. Children with or without prior music experience are welcome. Join us for an engaging music formation that will help children find a space of belonging and learn stories of faith. Children's Music will take place on the second floor of the Parish House during the Speaker Series hour (10:10 a.m.-10:45 a.m.) today, May 19. Infants through age three are welcome to join with a parent. Children ages three and up are welcome to join independently. **For more information, contact Savannah Ponder at savannah.ponder@stjohns-dc.org.**

ST. JOHN'S REFUGEE COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, May 26, after the 10:30 a.m. service

Please join the Refugee Committee at its next monthly meeting on Sunday, May 26, after the 10:30 a.m. service. **Please contact Jessica Sanchez at jesspulsifersanchez@gmail.com with any questions.**

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL STARTS JUNE 2

The **last day of Church School for the regular program year will be May 19.** Our **Summer Church School will begin June 2 and meet through July 21** with our one-room class for grades pre-K through five. Children will be learning stories of faith through Godly Play storytelling and creative response time. **Summer Church School starts at 10:30 a.m. in the second floor of the Parish House.** Students will come in to church to join their families for Communion. We need three leaders each Sunday. We will provide the curriculum, training, and supplies. **If you are interested in teaching, please email Savannah Ponder at savannah.ponder@stjohns-dc.org.**

FIRST WEDNESDAY CONCERTS

Wednesday, June 5, 12:10 p.m.-12:45 p.m.

The Air Force Strings with pianist Brent Erstad

John Rutter's *Suite for Strings*

Frederick Delius' *Two Aquarelles (Watercolors)*

Gerald Finzi's *Eclogue for Piano and Strings*

Please consider joining us during your lunch break on the First Wednesdays of the month, through June, and bring a friend. See full season details on the church website at www.stjohns-dc.org. Each concert is ticketless, free of charge, and held in the nave of our historic church.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

Thursday, June 6 at 6:45 p.m.

***Why Religion* by Elaine Pagels**

If you like to read and meet with others who like to read and talk about books, the Book Club is for you. The meeting will be held on the second floor of the Parish House in the Teen Classroom. The St. John's Book Club will be taking its usual summer recess. We will resume in the fall. The September book is *The Overstory* by Richard Powers. This book was the winner of the 2019 Pulitzer Prize for fiction. **If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Leila Taaffe at taaffel@gmail.com.**

BAPTISM SERVICES

The next dates for Baptism and required pre-baptismal classes with the clergy are as follows:

- Baptism: **Sunday, June 9, 10:30 a.m.**
Class: **Saturday, June 8, 10:00 a.m.**
- Baptism: **Sunday, August 4, 10:30 a.m.**
Class: **To be announced**

If you are interested in having a child baptized, or in baptism for yourself, **please contact Kaye Edwards by e-mail at kaye.edwards@stjohns-dc.org**. Please note that the parents or grandparents of children being baptized must be active, pledging members of St. John's. Adults interested in baptism for themselves must attend the Rector's Adult Inquirers' Class and be active, pledging participants in the life of the parish.

VISITING CHOIRS

Sundays, June 9 and June 16, 10:30 a.m. services

In June, St. John's will welcome two visiting choirs to enrich our worship.

- **June 9: GenOUT Youth Chorus** will join the St. John's Choir for the 10:30 a.m. service. Affiliated with the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington DC, GenOut is the area's first vocal ensemble for LGBTQ+ youth and allies. Members represent sixteen different schools throughout greater DC.
- **June 16: The Imani Milele Children's Choir** from Uganda will sing the 10:30 a.m. service. The choir comes from the Imani Milele Community, which serves over 4,000 orphans and vulnerable children in Uganda.

JOIN ST. JOHN'S GREETERS TEAM

Would you enjoy welcoming visitors to Sunday services? Helping new parishioners feel comfortable in the congregation? Exchanging morning greetings with old and new friends in the parish? Then please join the Welcome Team Ministry and become a Greeter for the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service. Greeting requires only a short time before and after the service and is important to the continued growth and health of St. John's Church. **For more information about becoming a greeter, please contact Head Greeter Kat Kehoe at katkehoe@gmail.com.**

JOIN THE ST. JOHN'S TOUR GUIDE MINISTRY

St. John's Tour Guide Ministry is looking for new members. For the Tour Guides of St. John's, spring and summer mean that the number of visitors and guests who are interested in tours of the church will be increasing at our services. Leading tours is rewarding. You meet wonderful people from all over the United States and around the world. Training from current Tour Guides is done at your convenience. Guides are called upon once every 8 weeks or so to give tours on Sundays after the 11:00 a.m. service (during the regular program year) and after the 10:30 a.m. service during the summer. **If the opportunity presents itself, please take a tour from one of our Guides or contact the head of the Tour Guides, Karen Zachary, at karen.zachary@gmail.com.** We look forward to welcoming you as a part of this important ministry at St. John's.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Education for Ministry is a unique four-year program in theological education based on small-group study and practice, and EfM groups have been part of the St. John's community for two decades. EfM participants, who commit to one year of the program at a time, bring their wide range of perspectives and beliefs to weekly meetings during the school year. There we engage in study, prayer, and

reflection, seeking out and preparing for the daily ministries to which all Christians are called. We also break bread, support each other, and have fun!

If you would like to find out more, please contact co-mentors Lyle Elder at 703-307-1133 or D.Lyle.Elder@gmail.com, or Carolyn Crouch at 202-271-4216 or Carolyn.Crouch819@gmail.com.

CONSIDER JOINING THE FLOWER GUILD

Whether acquiring a new skill or expanding on an existing talent, being a member of the Flower Guild is a rewarding way to volunteer at St. John's. Newcomers are paired with experienced members who mentor them until they are fully fledged, confident flower arrangers. It is a wonderful ministry with the benefit of newfound friendships. For a typical Sunday, two team members meet on Saturday morning. **Please contact Flower Guild Chair Katherine Kyle if you would like additional information at carsonkyle@gmail.com.**

AN EASY WAY TO HELP OTHERS

When you travel, bring back unopened toiletry items for homeless shelters. Place them in the basket in the connector between the Church and the Parish House.

LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

If you missed a Sunday at St. John's Church or would like to listen again to past sermons or speaker series, you can visit the St. John's website and click on the "Media" tab at the top of the page to listen. You can also find past sermons by searching for "St. John's Church, Lafayette Square" in the Podcast app on your iPhone or iPad.

PASTORAL CARE AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Praying for the sick and those in need is an important part of our life together. We invite you to add yourself, family, or friends to the parish prayer list. Other than birthdays, anniversaries, and deaths, names added to the prayer list will appear for four consecutive weeks. If you would like the name to be on the prayer list for a shorter or longer period of time, please let us know. We are listing in parentheses the name of the person requesting prayers for family and friends who are not members of the congregation. **To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the Rev. Andy Olivo at andrew.olivo@stjohns-dc.org.**

OUR PRAYERS are requested for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially:

Those who are sick or recovering:

From our parish: Teresa Huettner, Bob Patchell, Gordon Richmond, Chuck Schwartz, Leila Taaffe, Dace Vidins, and Samuel Watson.

Friends and family of our parish: Bruce Anderson (*Cay Buser*), Mark Bewsher (*Powell Hutton*), Ramon Briosos (*Evangeline Gravina*), Rachael Buckley (*Chrystal Martin*), John Frew Carter (*Margo Arnold*), Lane Carter, Ellen Cromwell-Cecrle (*Carolyn Becraft*), Kevin Chaney (*Andrew Tomlinson*), Laura

Chaney (*Andrew Tomlinson*), Bill Clark (*Clark Ervin*), William Frew Conderman (*Margo Arnold*), Sambar Datta (*Ashley Culbertson*), Harry Davis (*Mary & Carl Raether*), Emily DeHaan (*Carolyn Crouch*), Karl Dornemann (*Deb Dornemann*), Bobby Doyle (*Alex Pappas*), Henry Farrington (*Samuel Watson*), Ted Fibison (*Wendy Fibison*), Kate Fisher (*Katherine Kehoe*), Antonina Gawel (*Margaux Polanski*), Joe Heitzler (*Mike Becraft*), Lucas Hunt (*Matthew Taylor*), Edwarda Johnson (*Wande Johnson*), Frederick T. Kraus (*Grant Kraus*), Jan Lindsay (*Catherine Olivo*), John Linton (*Cay Buser*), Linda Linton (*Cay Buser*), William Markiewicz (*Matthew Taylor*), Tammy McCleaf (*Matthew Taylor*), Timothy Mullins (*Jim Mullins*), Judy Nicola (*Cynthia Walker*), Jerry O'Hagan (*Lance Jensen*), Jonathan A.I. Olowu (*Elizabeth Leach*), Ginger Parra (*Leila Taaffe*), Lisa Pell (*Mike Becraft*), Cawley Scott (*Robyne Johnston*), Diane Sinclair (*Pat Dalby*), Elizabeth Soyster (*Debby Hailey*), Henry and Sandy Welles (*Donna Welles*), Jim Wolter (*Willy Wolter*), and Kristen Wyckoff (*Pat Dalby*).

Those who are shut-in:

From our parish: Max Hudgins.

Those who died:

Friends and family of our parish: Conor McDowell who died May 9.

Those who are in the hospital:

Friends and family of our parish: Julie Howell (*Cynthia Walker*), Joan Keeney (*Richard Metzger*), Shirletta Lewis (*GeeGee Bryant*), Aiden Mylnikov (*Lindsey Bowen*), Travis Rogers (*Robert Carroll*), Rebecca Teems (*Justin Dean*), and Larry Watson (*Catherine Outten Olivo*).

Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week: Sarah Banks, Nick Bode, Leo Bouma, Lyle Elder, Jim Garland, Vivian Hanniford, Charlotte Hantson, Susan Heil, Francis Hortenstine, Caroline Huettner, McKenzie Jeffers, Nancy Klotz, Cynthia Malinick, Katie Montgomery, Harker Rhodes, Becky Schergens, Henry Singer, Leila Taaffe, Sophie Vandergrift, and Susan Wild.

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week: Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy, Christina and Matthew Berlin, Judy Campbell Bird and Coleman Bird, Kathryn Falk and Paul Brandus, Grace and Will Duthe, Joanne and Powell Hutton, Sara and Bill Josey, Kristin Josey and John Ward, and Jennifer and Henrik Lehmann Weng.

Those who are deployed:

Friends and family of our parish: Steve Helmer (*Sara McGanity*).

Please help us keep these lists updated by contacting the clergy at St. John's via email as soon as you can with corrections, additions, and updates on status

MESSAGE FROM THE WARDENS

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

We have all been shaken by the numerous recent attacks on houses of worship around the world. These incidents have left us all concerned about safety at our beloved St. John's Church. Rest assured that St. John's will continue to be open and welcoming, as it has for over 200 years. But we will also be vigilant. Our staff, led by Director of Operations Kim Carlson, is in regular communication with homeland security agencies at both the federal and local levels. Earlier this year, the United States Department of Homeland Security performed a comprehensive vulnerability and risk analysis of both our facilities and operations. We have just received their report and are in the process of reviewing and prioritizing their recommendations as part of a wide-ranging plan for enhancing the safety and security of our church and parish house. As you might guess, some changes will be clearly visible while others might be subtler or not visible at all, but they will all be designed to assure the safe continuity of our worship and programs.

Feel free to be in touch with comments, suggestions or questions.

Richard Metzger, Senior Warden
Paul Barkett, Junior Warden

PARKING POLICY FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

The AFL-CIO has asked us to park only American-made vehicles on their property. In an effort to be good neighbors, we are asking parishioners to respect their policy.

**If you have questions, please contact Kim Carlson,
Director for Operations.**

PLASTICS THREATEN WILDLIFE

Over 260 different species of animals have been reported to have become entangled in plastics or to have ingested them. Some suggest that by 2050, the weight of all the plastic in the world's oceans will exceed the weight of all the fish in them. As plastics degrade into smaller pieces, many retain their color and attractiveness to unwitting animals. Too many birds, fishes, and mammals eat them or feed them to their young. Quite apart from the lack of food value, plastics often clog the gut, leading to inevitable death. It is estimated that up to 1,000,000 sea birds and 100,000 marine mammals are killed annually from plastic in our oceans. Let's commit to minimizing our plastic waste, and when we do create it, disposing of it properly.

–St. John's Care of Creation Group

In coordination with the Care of Creation Group's efforts to stop the use of items, such as plastic shopping bags, that are harmful to the environment, St. John's has produced reusable tote bags with the St. John's logo. Please contact the office or see a greeter on Sunday mornings to pick up a bag for your use.

IF YOU ARE VISITING

a warm welcome to St. John's.

We are delighted to have you worship with us. Please let us know who you are and how we can best serve you by filling out a "Welcome" card and leaving it in the offering plate or with an Usher or Greeter, and joining us for the coffee hour following the service.

We welcome families with young children at our worship services. **Children's Worship Bulletins** are available from the Ushers as you enter the nave. For parishioners and visitors alike, **nursery care for children under age three is provided on Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** We also offer Church School at 10:45 a.m. for children and youth from age three through tenth grade on the second floor of the Parish House.

All persons, including children, are invited to take part in the Holy Eucharist. Parents may decide if their children receive the bread and/or wine. Children may instead signal their desire to be blessed by the priest at the altar by crossing their arms across their chest.

Follow us on Instagram at @stjohnschurchlafayettesquare. See photos from St. John's musical performances, special events, meetings, Sunday services, and more. Relive the moment or experience it for the first time through the touch of a button on your smartphone. Help St. John's capture each moment by submitting your photos from events, worship services, trips, and volunteer efforts.

**FREE VALET PARKING FROM THE FRONT OF ST. JOHN'S FOR THE
SPEAKER SERIES AND 11:00 A.M. SERVICE.**

**EXCEPT ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS, HOURS WILL BE
9:30 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

**LOOK FOR THE VALET SIGN AT THE CORNER OF 16TH
AND H STREETS.**

Vestry

Richard Metzger
Senior Warden

Paul Barkett
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Program Coordinator

Elizabeth Leach
*Communications
Coordinator*

Victor Obregon, *Sexton*

Glynnis Bryant
and David Gamboa
Assistant Sextons



Welcome!

AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, we believe Christ is calling us to be a renewed church in a changing world. Empowered by the Spirit of God, we respond to Jesus' call as we deepen our bond with Christ through worship, become a community where all are accepted, and work together as laity and clergy to do God's work in the world.

ST. JOHN'S WAS ORGANIZED IN 1815 to serve as a parish church for Episcopalians residing in the neighborhoods in the west end of the District of Columbia. Its cornerstone was laid on September 14, 1815, and it was consecrated on December 27, 1816. Beginning with James Madison, every person who has held the office of President of the United States has attended a service at the church. Several Presidents have been communicants. Thus, St. John's is often referred to as the "Church of the Presidents." Pew 54 is the President's Pew. The architect of the church was Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who assisted in the rebuilding of the U.S. Capitol and the White House after the War of 1812. Twenty-five of the stained glass windows in St. John's were designed and executed by artisans of the noted Lorin firm of Chartres, France.

BROCHURES DESCRIBING PARISH LIFE, the history of St. John's, and the Episcopal denomination can be found in the church entrance. If you are visiting, please fill out the visitor information card found at the end of each pew to enable us to welcome you personally into the life of our parish.

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE WWW.STJOHNS-DC.ORG has up-to-date information about the Church including the weekly calendar, the Sunday service schedule, Speaker Series speakers and topics, the music calendar and newsworthy events.

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