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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

June 2, 2019

7:45 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

The First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

The Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

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Blessing and Dismissal

ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY: Lauren Edwards, *Reader and Chalice Bearer*; Kristie Hansen, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*; Thea Crouch, Susan Heil, and Elizabeth Lewis, *Flower Guild*; Bud Harrell, *Assistant Head Usher*; Bill Brownlee, *Usher*.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God.

Collect

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Acts 16:16-34

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners

had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Psalm 97

- 1 The Lord is King;
let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him,
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods!
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O Lord.
- 9 For you are the Lord,
most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

- 10 The Lord loves those who hate evil;
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous,
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy Name.

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words: "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

John 17:20-26

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given

me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 3-JUNE 9, 2019

Monday June 3
6:30 p.m. AA Lawyers (Togo West Parlor)

Tuesday June 4
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (3rd Floor, Conference Room)
12 noon AA (Dining Room)

Wednesday June 5
12:10 p.m. First Wednesday Concerts—
The Air Force Strings with pianist Brent Erstad
7:00 p.m. Latrobe First Wednesday Holy Eucharist

Thursday June 6
6:45 p.m. St. John's Book Group
(2nd floor Teen Classroom)

Saturday June 8
9:00 a.m. Flower Guild (Dining Room and Kitchen)
10:00 a.m. Pre-Baptism Class (Nave)

Sunday June 9
7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Homily
The Rev. D. Andrew Olivo
9:15 a.m. St. John's Choir Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:30 a.m. Baptism, Youth Sunday, Guest Choir: GenOUT
Youth Chorus, and Choral Holy Eucharist
Sermon—The Rev. D. Andrew Olivo
Summer Church School
11:45 p.m. Hospitality Hour
1:00 p.m. Oración Vespertina

**The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated Monday through Friday
at 12:10 p.m.**

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.

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL STARTS TODAY

Our **Summer Church School** begins today, **June 2** and meets 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. on 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.

THE LATROBE FELLOWSHIP YEAR-END PARTY

Wednesday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Join the Latrobe Fellowship as we end another program year. We will gather at 7:00 p.m. for a Service of Holy Eucharist followed by a year-end party and beer tasting. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. **Please contact the Rev. Andy Olivo at Andrew.olivo@stjohns-dc.org with questions. All are welcome!**

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 CHOIR

Sunday, June 9, 10:30 a.m. service

GenOUT Youth Chorus

The GenOUT Youth Chorus will join the St. John's Choir at the 10:30 a.m. service on June 9. 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.

JOIN THE SUMMER CHOIR!

Singers, whether experienced or not-so-experienced, are invited to sing in the choir on Sunday mornings at St. John's from Sunday, **June 16, through Labor Day Weekend.** The rehearsal begins at 9:30 a.m. sharp each Sunday morning in the church, to prepare for the 10:30 a.m. service. Members of both the St. John's Choir and the Parish Choir will be on hand to lend their voices as well, and you

may sing for one Sunday or all Sundays. **Please contact Michael Lodico at michael.lodico@stjohns-dc.org if you are interested in singing in the Summer Choir** or to talk about the program.

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 (10:30 a.m. service during summer). 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.**

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.

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.**

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.**

FLOWER DELIVERIES

Help brighten the day of parishioners who can't be with us by taking them flowers, located in the side chapel. A card is attached to each vase with contact information. Thank you for checking to see if a delivery address is convenient for you.

Flowers need to be delivered on Ladybank Lane, Oak Hill, VA.

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*), 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 are in the hospital:

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

Those who died:

Friends and family of our parish: LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr. who died May 25 and Matthew Nolan who died May 27.

Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week: Michael DiPaula-Coyle, Claire Gaziano, Kelly Hallett, Stephen Huettner, Ava Kosegarten, Susan Oliphant, Andy Olivo, Jake Parcell, Susan Parcell, Carl Raether, Georgia Rawlings, Caitlin Rooney, Dori Teipel, David Trebing, and Keiko Yoshino.

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week: Laurie Adams and Matt Bode, Anne and Hyman Field, Catherine and John Morefield, Sarah and Avo Reid, KayAnn and Brian Schoeneman, and Adrienne and Chip Usher.

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, at kim.carlson@stjohns-dc.org or at 202-347-8766.

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES WITH FLOWERS

You can recognize your loved ones or a special event with a dedication in our Sunday bulletin when you make a contribution to the Flower Fund. In doing so, you invite the congregation to participate in remembering a loved one, a birth or birthday, or a wedding, anniversary, graduation, or other special event.

St. John’s Flower Guild lovingly arranges flowers each week for our Sunday services. You can choose to dedicate the two main altar arrangements with a contribution of \$110, the side chapel for \$55, or the narthex for \$55. Or, you can dedicate all four arrangements in the church for \$220.

**Please contact the Parish Office at 202-347-8766
and send a check to St. John’s Church
Attention: Flower Fund, 1525 H Street N.W., Washington, D.C.
20005-1005, Fax 202-347-3446**

(Circle one)

In Memory of | Thanksgiving for | Celebration of:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ **Email:** _____

(Circle one)

Entire Church-\$220 | Main Altar-\$110 | Side Altar-\$55 | Narthex-\$55

Thank you!

WE ALL NEED TO BE SHEEPDOGS FOR GOD'S CREATION

from the Reverend Andy Olivo's Good Shepherd Sermon, May 12.

The Care of Creation Group has posted 12 messages recently on the enormous detrimental effect plastics have on our earth, on God's creation. Once plastic is created, it is nearly indestructible. Each time we go shopping, we make lots of unconscious decisions, and by being more thoughtful about our choices, we can slow or reverse the damage. The keys are to reduce, reuse and recycle. Especially problematic is throwaway plastic packaging that accounts for 40% of demand, so an overarching goal is to reduce the amount of trash we produce.

1. Consider investing in a water filtration pitcher and metal water bottles. St. John's and many public spaces now have refilling stations with filtered water.
2. Take your own mug to the coffee shop for a refill.
3. Use your St. John's (or other) reusable tote bag at stores. "Just say no" to plastic bags. FYI, paper, though easily recycled, isn't much better than plastic for reducing carbon footprint.
4. If you do have plastic bags, reuse them; many can be used for weeks. Even better, ask yourself if a bag is needed for every item.
5. Buy loose products rather than those in plastic, but if a plastic container is the only option, buy in bulk and avoid snack sizes.
6. Reach for milk in paper cartons instead of plastic and eggs in cardboard cartons; avoid Styrofoam or plastic.

Want to estimate your plastic footprint? Try out this calculator:
<https://www.omnicalculator.com/ecology/plastic-footprint>.

–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 infants through age six is provided on Sundays from 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.** We also offer **Summer Church School (June 2-July 21) during the 10:30 a.m. service** for children ages three through ten 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 10:30 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

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and David Gamboa
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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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