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THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 4, 2019

7:45 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

The First Reading: Hosea 11:1-11

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Blessing and Dismissal

ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY: Scott Raab, *Reader and Chalice Bearer*; Richard Price, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*; Pat Dalby and Becca Brown, *Flower Guild*; Robyne Johnston, *Assistant Head Usher*; Bill Brownlee, *Usher*.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God; in thanksgiving for the baptism today of **Sebastian James Gonzalez, Charlotte Anne Rhodes, and Luca Michael Russo**; and in thanksgiving for the blessing of the baptism today of **Iona Rosalinda George Lagera**.

Collect

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hosea 11:1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands;
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes;
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty;
their spirits languished within them.
- 6 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 7 He put their feet on a straight path
to go to a city where they might dwell.
- 8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 9 For he satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.
- 43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things,
and consider well the mercies of the Lord.

Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language

from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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 form 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.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 5-11, 2019

Monday August 5

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

Tuesday August 6

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (3rd Floor, Conference Room)

12 noon AA (Togo West Parlor)

Thursday August 8

12 noon Al-Anon (Togo West Parlor)

Saturday August 10

9:00 a.m. Flower Guild

Sunday August 11

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Homily

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

9:30 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m. Nursery

10:30 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

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.**

POTLUCK SUPPERS WITH OUR NEW RECTOR

St. John's will continue its popular parishioner potluck suppers this summer, and our new rector and his wife Sarah Wood plan to attend. The potlucks are a wonderful opportunity both to meet our new rector and to connect with fellow parishioners. This summer's potlucks will be spread around our geographic area, and we hope you will be able to make it to the one in your area.

Potluck suppers will continue in the fall. **If you are interested in hosting one, please contact Holly Sukenik hsukenik@hotmail.com or 202-332-2952.** Please contact the hosts to RSVP and indicate what you can contribute. Attendance is limited. Please plan on bringing something ready to place on the table.

- **Saturday, August 17, 6:30 p.m.**
Alexandria, Virginia
Carrie and Jim Garland
RSVP: ceogarland@aol.com
- **Sunday, September 1, 4:00 p.m. (Labor Day Weekend)**
Cathedral Heights, NW, Washington DC
Family, kid friendly event (pool available)
Pamela and Patrick Venzke
RSVP: pamela.venzke@outlook.com or call/text 202-746-4793 with numbers (kids/adults)

SAVE THE DATE

INSTALLATION OF THE REV. ROBERT W. FISHER

Saturday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m.
St. John's Church, Lafayette Square

Please join us on Saturday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m. to welcome and celebrate the new ministry of the Rev. Robert W. Fisher. Bishop Mariann Budde will preside at the service. A Reception will follow at the Army Navy Club.

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 **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 just show up for rehearsal.

ST. JOHN'S REFUGEE COMMITTEE

Saturday, August 10

St. John's Refugee Committee will be preparing an apartment for an incoming refugee family on August 10. **Please contact jesspulsifersanchez@gmail.com to find out how to help.**

BAPTISM SERVICES

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

- Baptism: **Sunday, September 22, 9:00 a.m.**
Class: **Saturday, September 21, 10:00 a.m.**
- Baptism: **Sunday, November 3, 11:00 a.m.**
Class: **Saturday, November 2, 1:00 p.m.**
- Baptism: **Sunday, January 12, 9:00 a.m.**
Class: **Saturday, January 11, 10:00 a.m.**

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.

THE 2019 FALL ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS

Saturdays, October 5 and October 19

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you would like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John's, join the 2019 Fall Adult Inquirers' Class. The two-day class will meet on Saturdays, October 5 and October 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. both days. The Rev. Rob Fisher, Rector of St. John's, will lead the sessions. Anyone – newcomer or longtime parishioner – interested in learning more about our Christian faith and life, the Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John's Church, is encouraged to attend. **For more information or to register, please contact Kaye Edwards, Assistant for Church Growth, at 202-347-8766, ext. 317 or by e-mail at kaye.edwards@stjohns-dc.org**. Those who participate in this class, or have completed another inquirers' class, may attend a

Service of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows at Washington National Cathedral on Saturday, November 2.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO KWASA COLLEGE IN SOUTH AFRICA Summer 2020

Rising ninth-twelfth graders are invited to contact Savannah Ponder to apply to participate in a pilgrimage to The Kwasa College in Springs, Gauteng, South Africa. This pilgrimage will happen next summer. Kwasa is an educational center for children age three through grade five. St. John's has had a long relationship with Kwasa, both supporting their ministry financially and sending volunteers to visit the community. Rev. Sharron Dinnie, the rector of Kwasa, has warmly invited St. John's youth to return to Kwasa next summer to build relationships, serve with the school, and learn more about their ministries with children. The requirements leading up to this pilgrimage would be participation in the following: monthly group meetings for prayer, faith formation, and fundraising planning, hosting parish-wide fundraising events leading up to the trip, and leading one presentation at St. John's after the trip.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Savannah Ponder, Assistant for Ministries to Children, Youth, and Families at savannah.ponder@stjohns-dc.org by September 1.

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.

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. Rob Fisher at rob.fisher@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 Glenbrook Terrace, NW, Washington, DC.

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, Nelda Johnson, Bob Patchell, Gordon Richmond, Robin Schwartz, Dace Vidins, and Samuel Watson.

Friends and family of our parish: Bruce Anderson (*Cay Buser*), Niels Beck (*Michelle Mangrum*), Rachael Buckley (*Chrystal Martin*), John Frew Carter (*Margo Arnold*), Lane Carter, 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*), Lucas Hunt (*Matthew Taylor*), Edwarda Johnson (*Wanda Johnson*), Frederick T. Kraus (*Grant Kraus*), 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*), Cawley Scott (*Robyne Johnston*), Diane Sinclair (*Pat Dalby*), 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: Chantay Griffin (*Geegee Bryant and Charley Griffin*), Julie Howell (*Cynthia Walker*), Joan Keeney (*Richard Metzger*), Aiden Mylnikov (*Lindsey Bowen*), and Travis Rogers (*Robert Carroll*).

Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week: Claudette Cox, Eleanor Demarest, Will Doffermyre, Mona Dooley, Richard Duer, Kathryn Falk, Abigail Fine, Jennifer Gardner, Carl Hampe, Anne Harrington, Andrée Leonelli, Morgan Maclver, Anderson Mehrkam, Johannes Mueller, Laura Patten, Matt Ponder, Brittany Rabbe, Susan Sierck, Allison Smith, and Margo Wiegenstein.

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week: Kathryn and Geoffrey Baker, Susan and Pete Carlson, Bessie and Will Doffermyre, Lily and Brad Kosegarten, Hilary and Noah Mehrkam, Nkem and Uche Onwuamaegbu, Savannah and Matt Ponder, and Rachel Bright and Thomas Traxler.

Those serving in the Armed Forces including those who are deployed, and for the Armed Forces Ministry of the Episcopal Church:

Friends and family of our parish who are deployed: 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.

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!

CLEANING OUT OUR MEDICINE CABINETS

Most of us have medicine cabinets containing remnants of bottles, pills and ointments left over from earlier aches and pains, injuries and illnesses. How should we get rid of surplus medications? Some have very specific instructions on disposition, which of course should be followed, but most don't. Our mothers told us to flush them down the toilet, but that is seldom the right action, as those medicines remain unfiltered in the watershed and contaminate the water, the plants and animals in it, and ultimately ourselves. In recent years, major drugstore chains, such as Walgreens, Rite Aid and CVS, have installed drop-off boxes to take back excess medicines. If no such facility is convenient, mix the medicines with an unpalatable substance such as kitty litter or coffee grounds (being careful not to crush tablets or capsules), seal the mixture in a plastic bag, and put it in household trash.

What we can do:

- Periodically thin out our unneeded and expired medicines.
- Use a drop-off box at the pharmacy, or seal and dispose in trash.
- Unless specifically instructed to do so, do not flush down the toilet.

–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.**

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

Richard Metzger
Senior Warden

Paul Barkett
Junior Warden

Virginia Bader
Andrew Clarke
Audrey Wood Corcoran
Carolyn Crouch
Lauren Edwards
Martha Ellison
Jeff Hantson
Wande Johnson
Peter Odom
Nora Rigby
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Desirée Stolar

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Preston Cherouny
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Charley Griffin
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Elizabeth Leach
*Communications
Coordinator*

R. J. Gravina
Program Coordinator

Victor Obregon, *Sexton*

Geegee 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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