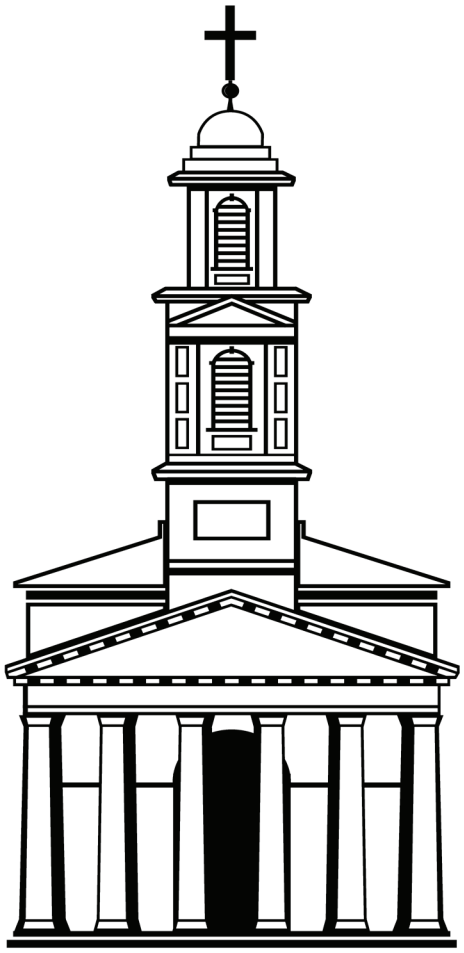
THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 15, 2026 ✦ Holy Eucharist at 9 and 11 a.m.



SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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St. John's is a church for people of all races, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations, and viewpoints grounded in love. Whoever you are, we welcome you.

Welcome to St. John's Church, Lafayette Square.
All are invited to participate in the service as able. Congregational responses appear in **bold.**
Nursery care is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Parish House.
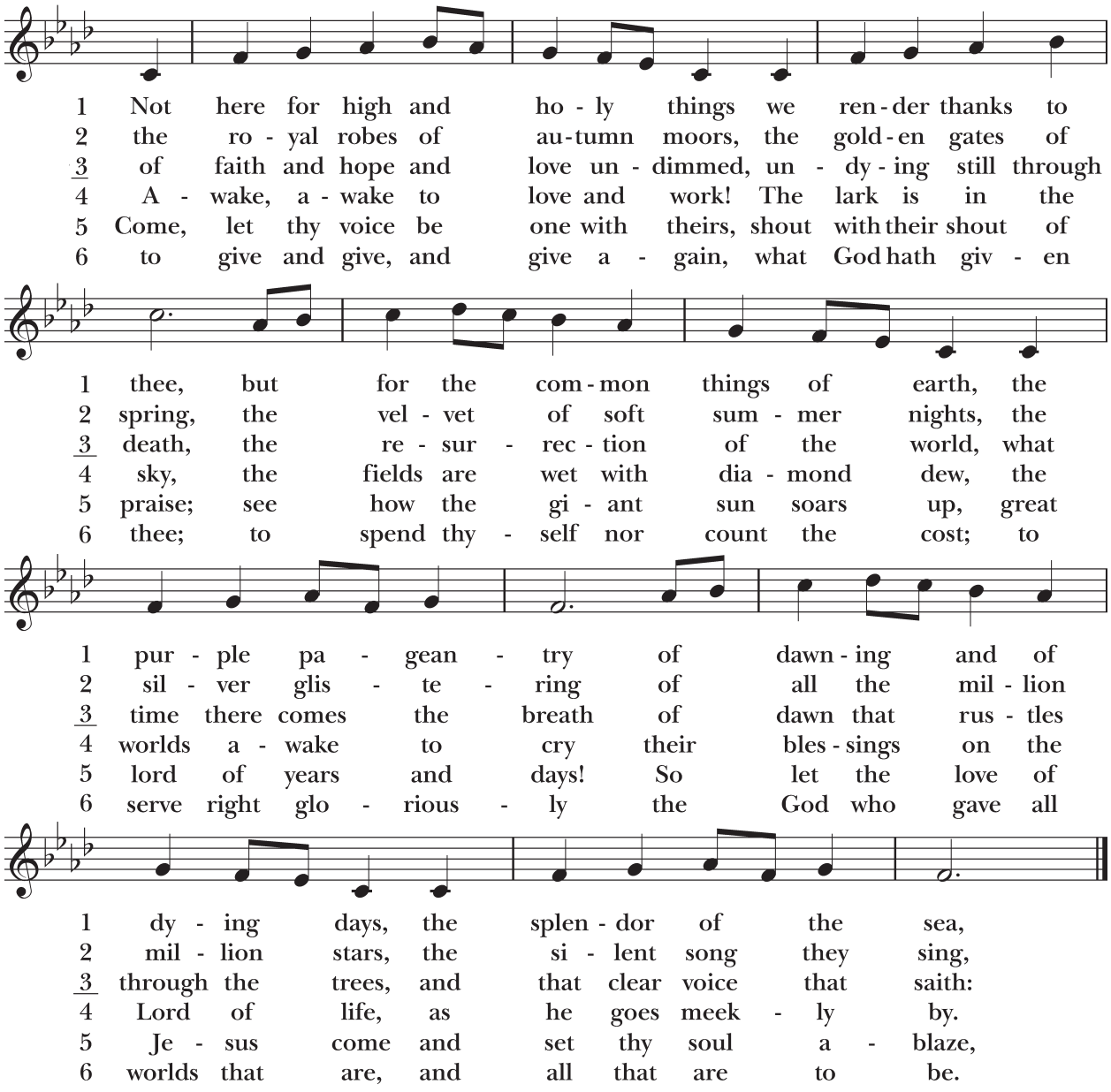
Prayer cards are provided at the entrance of the church. You are invited to write your prayers and place them in the collection plate. Your prayers will be blessed and will be prayed for by a priest during the week.

Please refrain from taking photos and videos during services.

VOLUNTARY Prelude in F Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

HYMN 9 Not here for high and holy things

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able as the procession enters.



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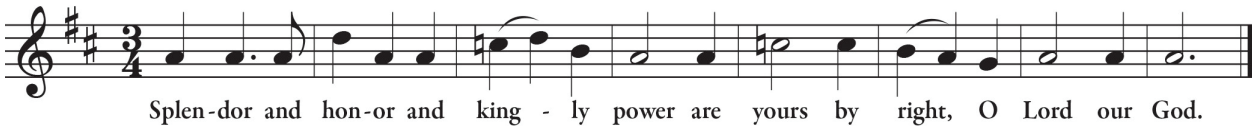
Please remain standing as you are able.

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE A song to the Lamb (*Dignus es*) Benjamin Pierce Straley (b. 1986)

The refrain is introduced by the choir, then repeated by all.



For you created every thing that is,
and by your will they were created and have their being; *Refrain*

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
from every family, language, people, and nation, a kingdom of priests to serve our God. *Refrain*

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, and to Christ the Lamb,
be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, for ever and for evermore. *Refrain*

—Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING Judges 4:1-7

Please be seated. *9 a.m. Read by Amy Whitworth.* *11 a.m. Read by Holly Sukenik.*

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali,

and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 90:1-8, 12

9 a.m. Led by Kate Benner, said responsively by half verse.
11 a.m. Chanted by the choir; "St. Anne" setting by John Bertalot (1931–2026)

LORD, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

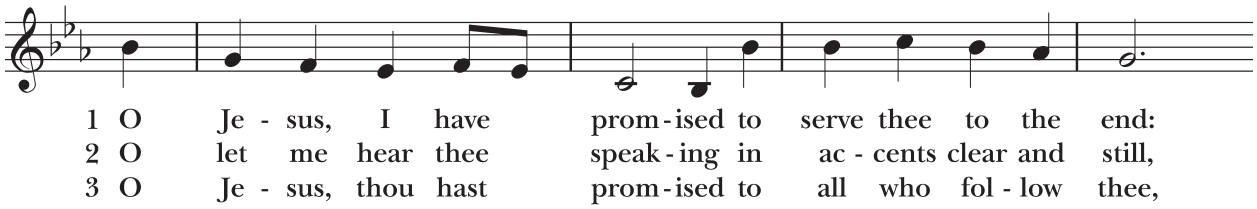
Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

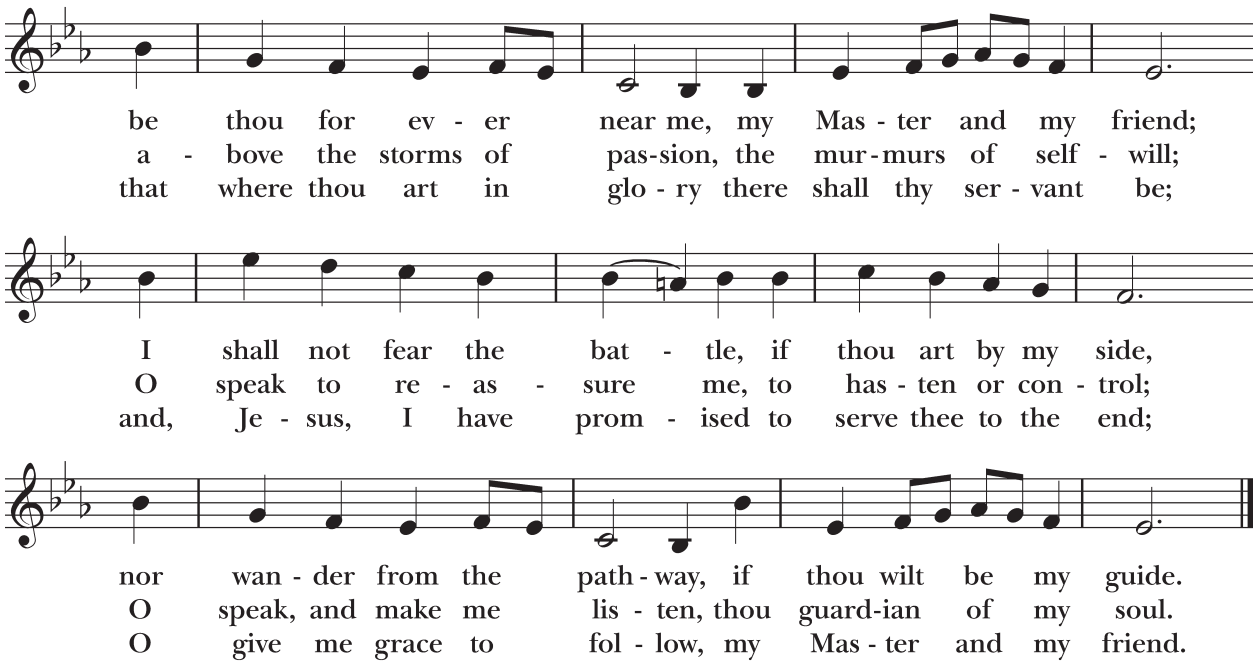
So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Children's Chapel in the Parish House: All who wish may gather in front of the pulpit at the start of the hymn, departing together and returning at the Peace. Parents are encouraged to accompany children younger than three.

GRADUAL HYMN 655 O Jesus, I have promised

Sung by all, standing as you are able.





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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Please remain standing as you are able.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be as when a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will

be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Eric Bailey

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able.

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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

9 a.m. Led by Martha Ellison.
11 a.m. Led by Beth DuMond.

Please remain standing as you are able.

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the communities of St. John's and our companion relationships with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa* and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann, our Bishop; Eugene, our Assistant Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers. Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations; for Donald, our President, and for the leaders of Congress, the Supreme Court, and all who are in authority, that they will uphold the virtues of justice and peace in our civic life; and that all may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

* In particular, Kwasa College in the Diocese of the Highveld.

Intercessor Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially . . . Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially . . . Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died, . . . , that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Priest Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

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.**

Priest 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

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

You may make an offering by placing your donation in the plate, or use this QR code to pay electronically.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Purest and highest Charles Villiers Stanford
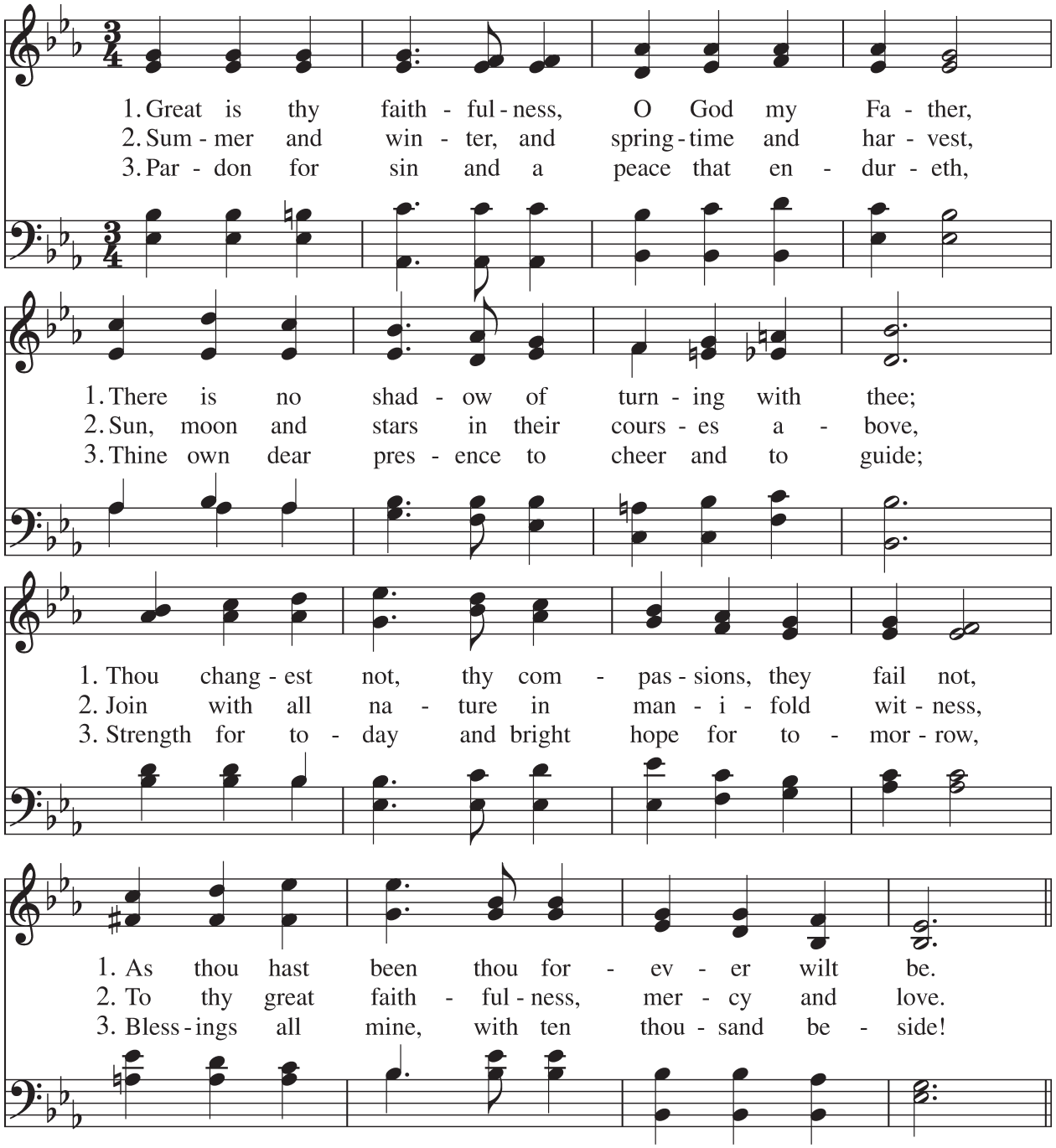
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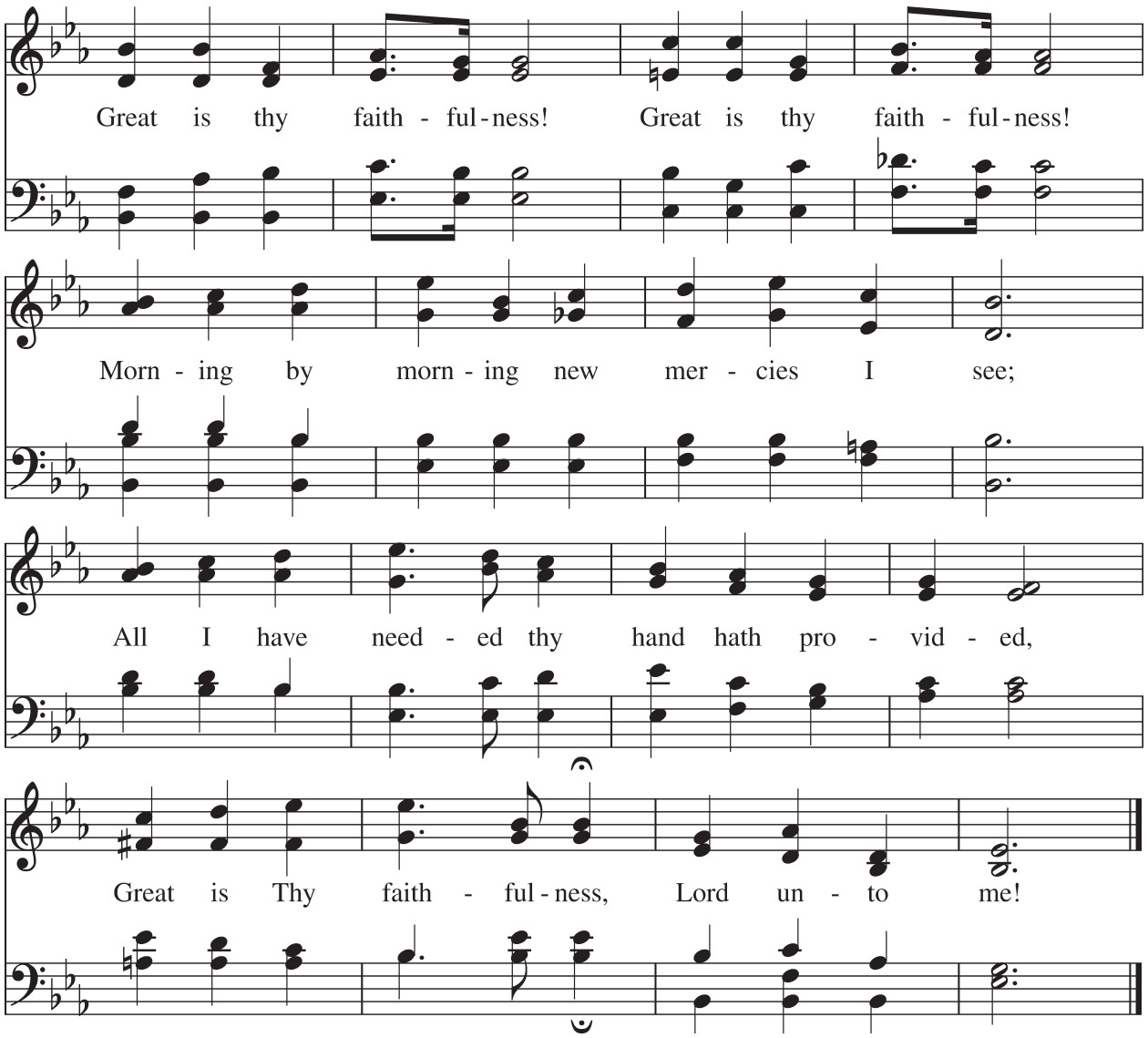
Purest and highest, wisest and most just, there is no truth save only in thy trust.
Thou dost the mind from earthly dreams recall, and bring through Christ to him for whom are all.

Eternal Glory, all men thee adore, who art and shalt be worshiped evermore.
Us whom thou makest, comfort with thy might, and lead us to enjoy thy heavenly light.

—Robert Bridges (1844–1930)

HYMN LEVAS 189 *Sung by all, standing as you are able.* Great is thy faithfulness





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A PRAYER FOR STEWARDSHIP

Said by all.

Gracious and everlasting God, the giver of all good gifts, you have blessed us and our parish abundantly. Grant us the hope to dream and the courage to live into our possibilities. Make us faithful stewards, both for the provision of our necessities and for the relief of those who are in need. Bless the efforts of our annual giving this year to extend the work of spiritual renewal in our church and community of faith. Through Jesus Christ, who gave all of himself, we offer this prayer. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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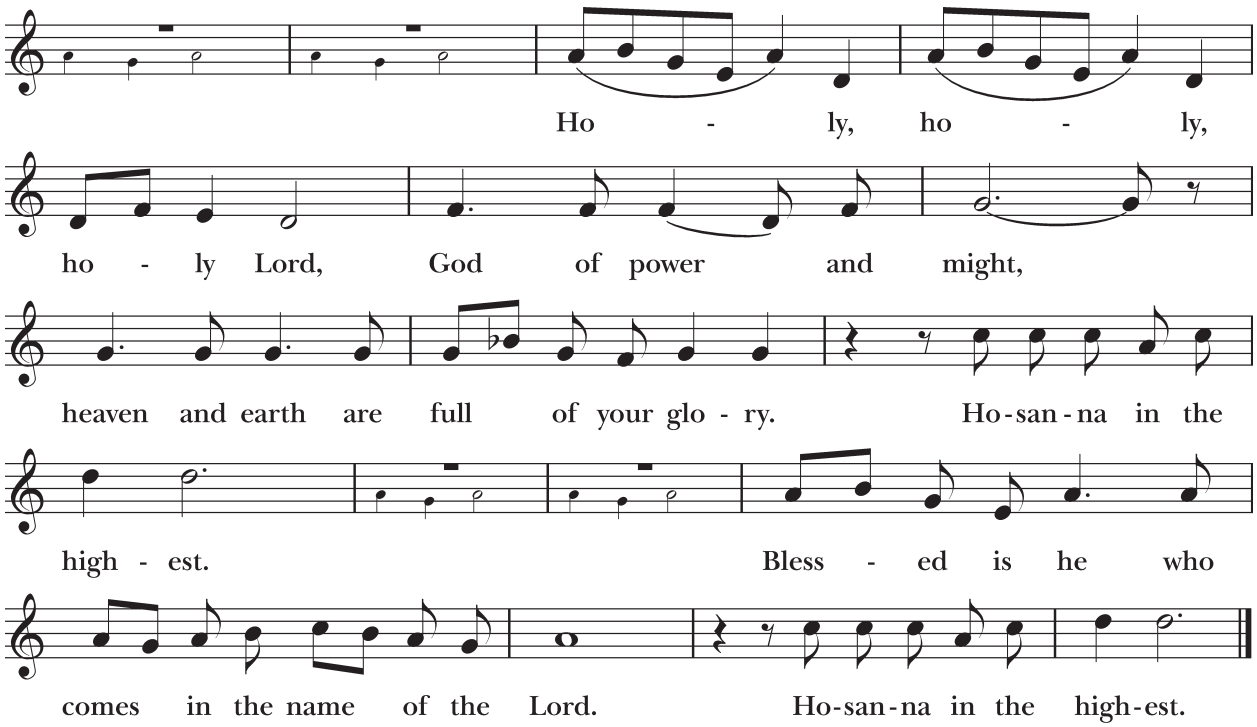
Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (S-128) *Sung by all.* William Mathias (1934–1992)



Please stand or kneel as you are able. The priest continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

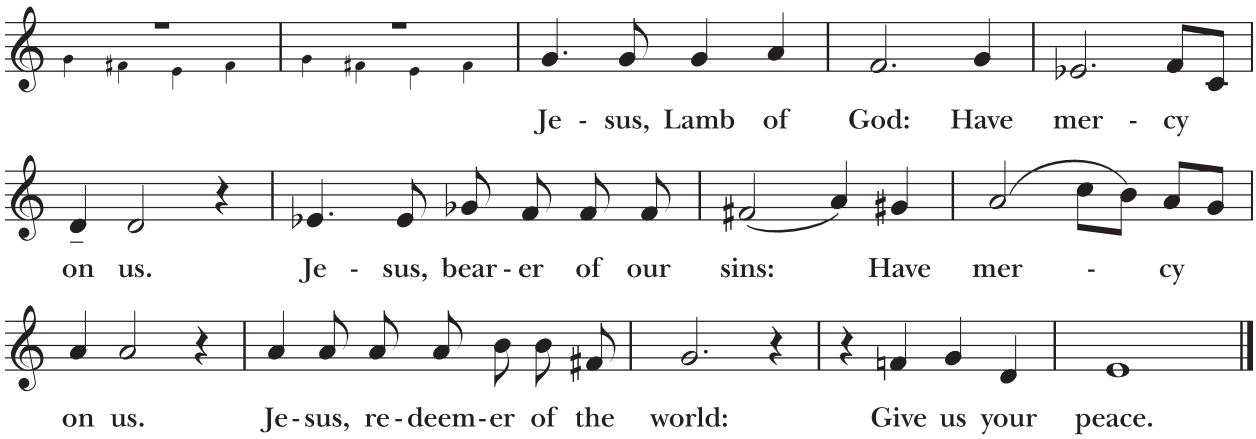
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM (S-165) *Sung by all.* William Mathias



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest 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.

All persons, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Wait for an usher to call your pew to come forward. You will first be handed a wafer by a priest (gluten-free wafers are available by request) and then offered wine by a lay server. You may either sip the wine or dip your wafer into the wine. Receiving the bread alone is a valid way to share in the Eucharist. Parents may decide if their children receive the bread and/or wine. All may instead signal their desire to be blessed by the priest by crossing their arms over their chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM Lord, I trust thee G.F. Handel (1685–1759)

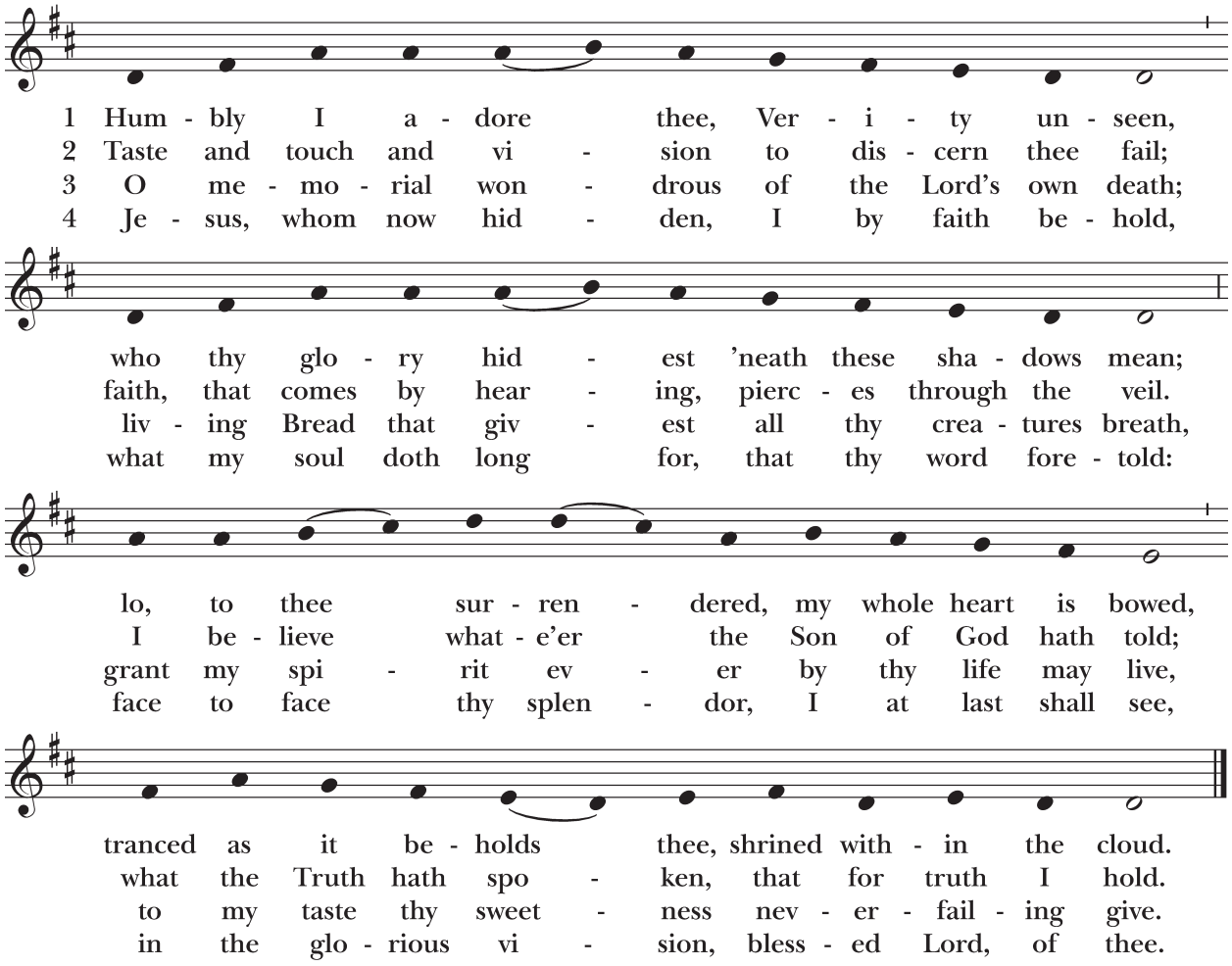
Sung by the choir.

Lord, I trust thee, I adore thee. Ah! thou friend of man, restore me!
On thy loving grace relying, for the bread of life I'm sighing.
Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease, fill my heart with joy and endless peace.
When the breath of life has left me, may my soul be blended with thee.

—Barthold Brockes (1680–1747), trans. Denys Darlow (1921–2015)

HYMN 314 Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen

Sung by all, seated.



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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

Priest Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

When scheduled, the Priest offers a communion kit to any Lay Eucharistic Minister doing a home visit, saying
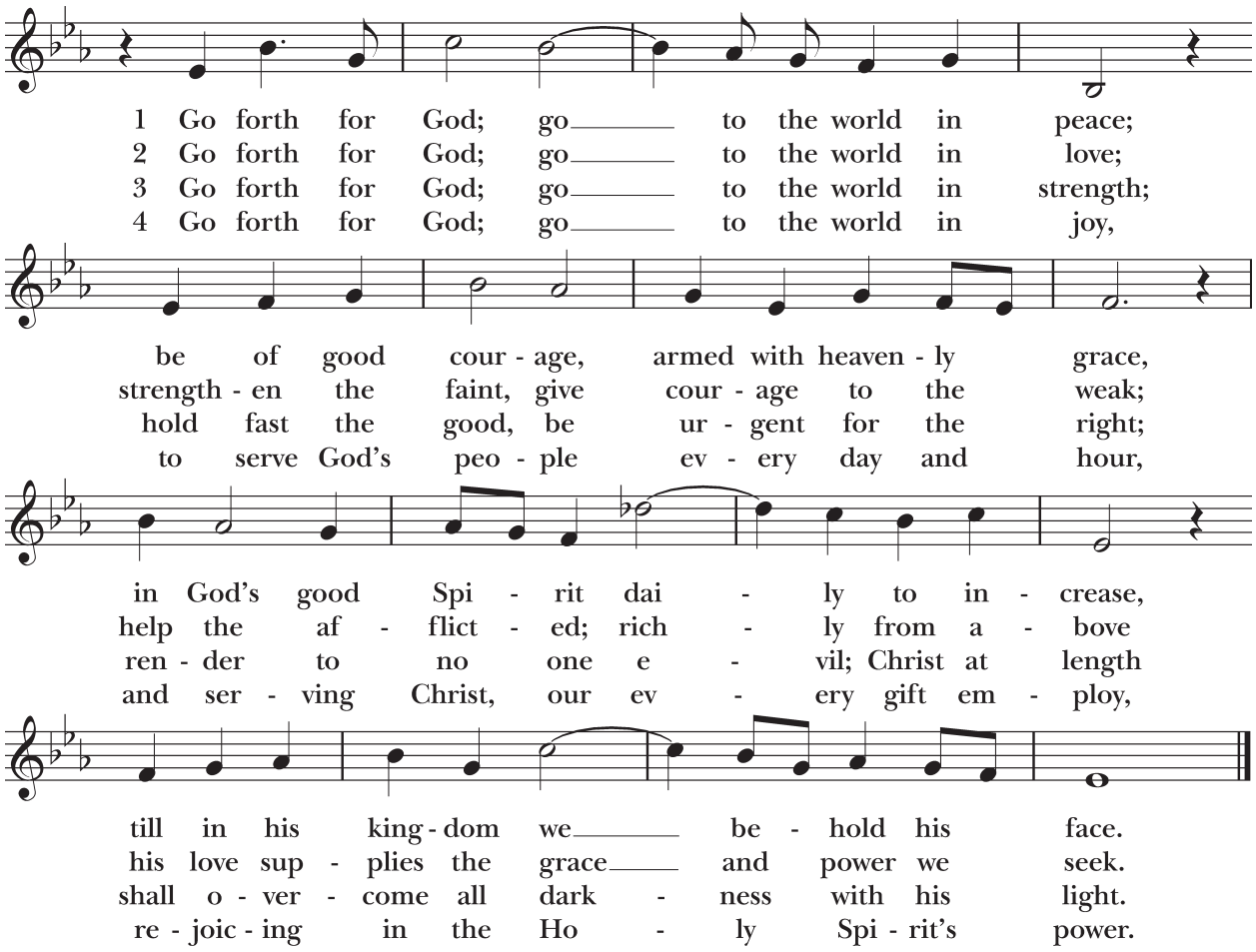
On behalf of God and St. John's Church, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those whom you will visit may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Priest Life is short. And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN 347 *Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

Go forth for God; go to the world in peace



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THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY Marche Pontificale Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD,

and in memory of Ann Edgar Miller.

ASSISTING AT THE 9 A.M. SERVICE

Kenny Kraft, *Crucifer* | Annie Simonds and Hilary West, *Chalice Bearers*
Robyne Johnston, *Assistant Head Usher* | Patricia Leslie and Tim Stuart, *Ushers*
Georgia Johnson and Eleanor Odom, *Greeters*
Paul Barkett, Anne Harrington, and Becca Brown Todd, *Flower Guild*

ASSISTING AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE

Mike DuMond, *Crucifer* | Grant Lucio and Nicholas Schoeneman, *Acolytes*
Matt Bode and Fruzsina Harsanyi, *Chalice Bearers*
Anthony Pegues, *Assistant Head Usher*
Doug Estes and Jess Unger, *Ushers*
John Lucio and Roderick Todd, *Greeters*
Paul Barkett, Anne Harrington, and Becca Brown Todd, *Flower Guild*
Matthew Taylor, *Livestream Technicians*

Please help us be good stewards of the environment.
If you do not wish to take this bulletin home after the service,
you may leave it at the end of the pew as you depart or place it in a blue recycling bin.

ARE YOU NEW TO ST. JOHN'S?

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 giving it to an usher or greeter.* ***Free valet parking*** *is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sundays; look for the valet sign at the corner of 16th and H streets, NW. Find us on* ***Instagram*** *at @stjohnschurchlafayettesquare or visit* ***stjohns-dc.org*** *for more about our offerings and how to get in touch.*

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Announcements for the Week of November 15

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

Communities in Schools Thanksgiving baskets (see next column)
Angel Tree Gift Drive begins (see next page)
Children's Chapel offered during the sermon at 9 and 11 a.m.
Preaching this morning: The Rev. Eric Bailey

8 a.m.	Eucharist with Sermon Parish Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
8:30 a.m.	Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m. (Parish House Second Floor)
9 a.m.	Choral Eucharist with Sermon
10 a.m.	Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor) Speaker Series (Togo West Parlor; see page 6) Sunday School (Parish House Second Floor) Youth Group (Parish House Second Floor) Adult Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor) St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
11 a.m.	Choral Eucharist with Sermon
Noon	Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor) Parish Lunch (Parish House; see next column) Stained Glass Window Tour (see next page)

FLOWER DELIVERIES

Help us brighten the day of parishioners by taking them flowers, located in the side chapel most Sundays of the year. A card is attached to each vase with contact information.

Today, flower deliveries are needed to: Westbard Avenue, Bethesday; and Tallwood Terrace, Falls Church, Virginia.

*Visit **stjohns-dc.org/connect/newsletters** to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter (The Word) and other parish email lists.*



HELP FAMILIES IN NEED THIS THANKSGIVING

Our outreach partner Communities in Schools (CIS) is putting together baskets for 100 of their neediest families. We are hoping that St. Johns parishioners will help in several ways:

Donate non-perishable foods: stuffing mix, gravy packets, instant mashed potatoes, canned corn, green beans, macaroni and cheese, canned (evaporated) or shelf-stable milk, cornbread mix, cake mix, and frosting. Please give what you can. If you bring your donations in a reusable grocery bag, so much the better.

Donate grocery store gift cards in $25 increments: Safeway cards are especially useful, due to store locations, but any cards will help by allowing families to buy turkeys.

Members of the CIS committee will be present before and after services today and next Sunday, November 15, to receive donations.

CIS also asks for help with assembling and delivering the baskets to schools. Assembly will take place at the CIS office (501 School Street, SW), with deliveries to be made on Monday, November 23. Contact Ann Gardner, Livy More, and Margo Wiegenstein via the Connect: Ministry Directory tab of St. John's website with questions or for more information on participating. Many thanks for providing Thanksgiving bounty for families in need!

PARISH LUNCH

Today at noon | Hosted by Sisters at St. John's

Sunday lunch at St. John's is a longtime tradition in which every member and every visitor can participate. It's a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones—a time for fellowship and for hearing another's story. The lunch is held most Sundays in the Parish House. Contributions of $5 for adults and young people 13 and over and $2 for children under 13 are requested to help defray the cost. All are welcome. Valet parking hours are extended to 2 p.m. any Sunday with a parish lunch.



2026 ANGEL TREE GIFT DRIVE BEGINS TODAY

The season of giving is almost here! St. John's is once again partnering with the Bishop Walker School, Advocates for Justice and Education, Communities in Schools of the Nation's Capital, and the DC Dream Center to bring Christmas cheer to children and families in need.

Each participating child has shared a wish list of toys, books, or clothing that they hope to find underneath the Christmas tree this year. With your generosity, we can help those wishes come true!

TWO EASY WAYS TO PURCHASE GIFTS:

- **Pick an Angel:** Visit the Parish House tree, select a tag, shop for the listed gifts, and return them unwrapped by Sunday, December 6.
- **Shop Online:** Purchase books for Bishop Walker School from the wish list at bit.ly/sjc-angel-tree-2026. Items will ship directly to the church.

THREE IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Gift Delivery Deadline**: Sunday, December 6
- **Gift Wrapping**: Saturday, December 12 (see page 4)
- **Gift Distribution**: Beginning Monday, December 14; so please return your gift purchases on time.

Whether you purchase a gift, donate a book, or join us for the wrapping party, your participation helps spread the joy and spirit of Christmas to children and families throughout our community.

Thank you for helping share the love and joy of Christmas! Questions? Please contact Kevin Cordova-Brookey via the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW TOUR: PART 2

Today at noon | Meet at the Lincoln Pew

Following up on his tour of the first-floor windows in the church, parish historian Richard Grimmett will lead a 50-minute tour of the gallery windows shortly after today's 11 a.m. service.

SERVICE SCHEDULE | *November 16–22*

Monday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist
Tuesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist
Wednesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist
Thursday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist
Friday—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

Sunday—The Rev. Rob Fisher, Preacher
8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon
9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon
11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

Children's Chapel offered during the sermon at 9 and 11 a.m.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, November 16

6:15 p.m. Lawyers' AA (Togo West Parlor)
6:30 p.m. Being With

Tuesday, November 17

1 p.m. Staff Meeting
6 p.m. Vestry Meeting (Togo West Parlor)

Saturday, November 21

10:30 a.m. Grace's Table (Offsite; see below)
5 p.m. Parents' Night Out (RSVP required; see next page)

GRACE'S TABLE

Third Saturdays, from 10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m.
Upcoming dates: November 21 and December 19

Grace's Table is an outreach partnership between St. John's and Grace Episcopal Church in Georgetown. Every third Saturday of the month, a group from St. John's prepares and serves a meal at Grace to folks who are unhoused or at risk of losing their housing. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other St. John's parishioners and to spread God's loving kindness in our community. Contact leader Elizabeth Field using the Connect: Ministry Directory tab of our website with questions or to volunteer.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT
Saturday, November 21, 5–7:30 p.m.

Kids ages 6 months through 5th grade are invited to play, watch a movie, and eat pizza while parents and caregivers enjoy an evening out. RSVP by Monday, November 16, to bit.ly/sjc-pno-rsvp. Questions? Please contact Lauren Goodyear via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

COMING UP

CELEBRATING CHRIST THE KING
Special Music: Sunday, November 22, at 11 a.m.

On the final Sunday of the church year, the combined choirs of St. John's will offer Grayston Ives' *Missa Aedis Christi*, commissioned by Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, where our choirs will sing during their pilgrimage to England next summer. A former member of the King's Singers and longtime Director of Music at Magdalen College, Oxford, Ives is celebrated for his sacred choral music. Although the mass remains unpublished, the composer has graciously granted special permission for its use at St. John's. This festive setting provides a fitting conclusion to the liturgical year as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King.

WOMEN OF ALL AGES: YOU'RE INVITED FOR A WALK AROUND ROCK CREEK CEMETERY
Sunday, November 22, at 2 p.m.

Join the Sisters at St. John's for a visit to this local gem. First established in 1719 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Northwest D.C., Rock Creek Cemetery features a natural rolling landscape and winding pathways beneath groves of trees. The grave of Alexander Robey Shepherd, the District official who lined the city's streets with trees, rises beneath specimens planted during his lifetime. Artful tombstones and breathtaking sculptures are abundant, most notable the evocative memorial to Henry and Marian Adams designed by Augustus Saint-Gaudens; it alone is worth the visit. Contact Emily Lucio via the online Ministry Directory for information and registration ($30 per person).

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THANKSGIVING
Wednesday, November 25, at 5:30 p.m.

Join us on the eve of Thanksgiving for a special service of Choral Evensong as we usher in the season of gratitude. Begin your holiday by lifting your heart in prayer and song with favorite hymns of Thanksgiving, including "Come, ye thankful people, come" and "Now thank we all our God." A reception will follow in the Togo West Parlor.

Complimentary parking is available in the garage at 1575 I Street, NW. When asked for payment, indicate you will return with a validated ticket from St. John's good for free parking.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING
Sunday, November 29, at 10 a.m.

Join in this fun annual tradition at St. John's that is suitable for all ages. Using seasonal greens, we will make decorative wreaths that double as devotional aids during the Advent season. Materials will be provided for each household to make one wreath, and a few "take and make" bags will be available for those who cannot stay to make a wreath. You're encouraged to bring your own clippers if you have them. Contact Lauren Goodyear via the About: Leadership tab of our website with questions. This activity will take the place of Church School and Youth Group.

VESTRY NOMINATIONS DEADLINE
Sunday, November 29

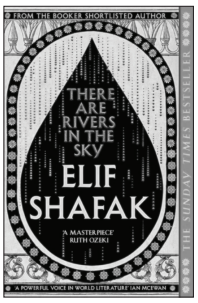
The Vestry Nominating Committee will meet in early December to determine the slate for Vestry elections to be held at the upcoming annual meeting. The role of the committee is to select, from all those nominated, the six candidates who will stand for election, three of whom will be elected. Nominees should be pledging members of the congregation, attend worship regularly, and be active in parish life. Submit names by Sunday, November 29, using the form found at bit.ly/sjc-vestry-nomination. Questions? Speak to Fruzsina Harsanyi, Vestry member and chair of the Nominating Committee.

LATROBE FELLOWSHIP
Wednesday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m.

Celebrate the holiday season with the Latrobe Fellowship! Join us Wednesday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m. for worship followed by dinner and drinks (both alcoholic and non) in the Togo West Parlor. We will also have an optional white elephant gift exchange; if you wish to participate, bring a fun or silly wrapped gift ($30 or less) of the sort that you, yourself, would enjoy receiving.

The Latrobe Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We typically gather on the first Wednesday of the month for a short worship service followed by an activity. For more information, contact Will Yale via the Ministry Directory tab on our website.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP
Thursday, December 3, at 7 p.m.



Join us via Zoom to discuss *There Are Rivers in the Sky* by Elif Shafak, a wide-ranging novel from 2024 that tells the story of three characters who live along two great rivers, all connected by a single drop of water. The book group typically meets the first Thursday of the month via Zoom. For information and the link, contact us via the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.



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SKYLARK RETURNS TO ST. JOHN'S
Saturday, December 5, at 5 p.m. | Ticketed event

Following last year's acclaimed performance at St. John's, the award-winning Skylark Vocal Ensemble returns with *Spotless Rose*, a program of choral music for the Christmas season. Centered on the beloved hymn "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming," the concert brings together medieval carols, Renaissance motets, and contemporary reflections in a celebration of the season. For more information and tickets, visit skylarkensemble.org/experiences.

ADVENT PARTY
Sunday, December 6, 5–7 p.m.

Join us for one of St. John's beloved holiday traditions. We'll gather for food, fellowship, and joyful music, including the ever-popular carol sing-along, also the reading of *A Visit from St. Nicholas*, and quite possibly a surprise visit from Old Saint Nick himself! Bring your friends, your family, and your holiday spirit as we celebrate the season together. To help our planning, RSVP by Monday, November 30, by visiting bit.ly/sjc-advent-party-rsvp. Willing volunteers, please contact Lisa Koehler via the staff page on our website.

LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP
Wednesday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m.

The Lafayette Fellowship is a group of adults looking for community—old souls or the young at heart; parents, couples, singles, or married—all are welcome! Join us Wednesday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Eleanor and Peter Odom for a pre-holiday evening of fun, fellowship, and a preview of what's being planned for 2027. RSVP to Eleanor Odom and Beth Dumond via the Connect: Ministry Directory tab of St. John's website.

ANGEL TREE WRAPPING PARTY
Saturday, December 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To wrap up our Angel Tree gift drive, we will have a special gift-wrapping event for all the donations. No matter how strong your wrapping skills, you're invited to come spread cheer. This will be a fun gathering with food and music to help us prepare to distribute gifts and make someone's Christmas a little extra special this year. Questions to coordinator Kevin Cordova-Brookey via the Connect: Ministry Directory tab of our website.



HELP DELIVER CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS
Sunday, December 20

Please plan to deliver at least one Christmas poinsettia to fellow parishioners who cannot be present with us at worship at this time. The plants will be in the Parish House parlors on Sunday, December 20, with cards addressed to parishioners who live near you in Virginia, Maryland, or the District. Help brighten someone's day!

LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS
Sunday, December 20, at 5:30 p.m.

Join the combined choirs of St. John's for a beloved holiday tradition offered in the beauty of a candlelit church. The service begins with singing of "Once in royal David's city," followed by nine lessons interspersed with congregational carols and choral anthems. Complimentary valet parking will be available starting at 4:45 p.m. The service will be followed by a reception in the Togo West Parlor. Invite your friends and family to join us for this special holiday offering. The service will also be livestreamed.

WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT
Friday, March 5, through Sunday, March 7

Women of all ages are warmly invited to join the Sisters at St. John's for "Exploring the Gift of Conflict," to be held at the A. Felix DuPont Memorial House in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Led by the Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves, we will focus on the dynamics of conflict and explore God's desire for us to engage in the holy work of reconciliation and restoration. Space is limited; please complete the online registration at bit.ly/sjc-retreat-2027-register and submit your payment to secure your spot. The cost ($425) includes housing and meals. Scholarships are available for those in need of financial assistance; contact the Rev. Rob Fisher with your request. Questions? Reach out to leader Emily Lucio via the online Ministry Directory—and remember that your payment (not your email) secures your place at the retreat. More information can be found at bit.ly/sjc-gift-of-conflict.

We are also planning a local one-day retreat this February. Contact Emily Lucio to learn more or express interest.

NEWS & NOTICES

> *Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.*
>
> 1 PETER 4:10

2027 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The 2027 Stewardship Campaign is underway! Join the growing community of parishioners and friends who have already made their pledge to St. John's. As Christian stewards, we believe God's blessings merit our grateful response. Our pledge is an act of spiritual responsibility that acknowledges God's work in our lives and the life of our church.

Your pledge can be a one-time annual payment or it can be paid weekly, monthly, or on the schedule of your choosing. You may pledge online under the Give tab of our website, use the QR code above, or return your pledge envelope by mail or in the offering plate on Sunday. Thank you for making your financial commitment to St. John's.

WE ARE EXPLORING A 2027 VISIT TO KWASA

St. John's is considering a trip to visit Kwasa College, a pre-primary and primary school in South Africa and our long-term international outreach partner, with travel dates likely in winter or spring of 2027. Prior St. John's trips have toured Johannesburg, a game park, and Capetown, in addition to spending time with Kwasa students. Interested? Contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

PARISH LUNCH SCHEDULE AND HOSTS

The Sunday lunch tradition relies on volunteers to prepare and serve the meal—which is why we encourage individuals, families, groups, or ministries to host at least once per program year. Hosts may be reimbursed for expenses or receive a tax receipt. Not sure what's involved? Want to claim an open date in 2027? Contact coordinator Holly Sukenik at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

November 15	Sisters at St. John's
November 22	Greeters
November 29	*No Lunch: Thanksgiving Weekend*
December 6	Stewardship Committee
December 13	Book Group
December 20	*No Lunch*
December 27	*No Lunch*
January 3	Three Kings' Day Potluck



FOR THOSE SEEKING TO BE BAPTIZED

If you are interested in baptism for yourself or for a child, please contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website. Please note that the parents or grandparents of children being baptized must be active, pledging members of St. John's. Adults interested in baptism must

also attend an Adult Inquirers' Class, offered twice a year, and be active, pledging participants in the life of the parish. The next dates for baptism and the required pre-baptismal class with the clergy at St. John's are:

Sunday, January 10, at 11 a.m.
Class: Saturday, January 9, at 10 a.m.

Sunday, February 7, at 9 a.m.
Class: Saturday, February 6, at 10 a.m.

Sunday, April 4, at 9 a.m.
Class: Saturday, April 3, at 10 a.m.

SPEAKER SERIES

The Speaker Series is held most Sundays from September through May at 10 a.m. in the Togo West Parlor on the first floor of the Parish House. An audio recording will be available on our website the week after each talk.



November 15: William Taylor, former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine (2006–2009) and chargé d'affaires *ad interim* at the U.S. embassy in Kyiv (2019–2020), will discuss the state of the war between Ukraine and Russia.



December 6: Lois Romano, former Washington Post journalist and columnist, Lois Romano, will discuss her New York Times bestselling book *An Inconvenient Widow: The Torment, Trial, and Triumph of Mary Todd Lincoln*, about the long misunderstood, underappreciated wife of President Abraham Lincoln.

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December 13: Shibley Telhami, a noted Mideast expert, will speak about the recent elections in Israel. Telhami is a nonresident senior fellow with the Center for Middle East Policy at Brookings, and the Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development at the University of Maryland. He has also served as a senior advisor to the U.S. Department of State, advisor to the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, advisor to Congressman Lee Hamilton, and member of the Iraq Study Group.

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NURSERY CARE | Sundays, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Infants and children are welcome at all worship services. Nursery care is also available most Sundays for infants and children up to age three. The nursery is on the second floor of the Parish House.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL
Sundays during the sermon at 9 and 11 a.m. worship

Most Sundays, kids from birth through grade 5 are invited to participate in a special liturgy just for them during the sermon at the 9 and 11 a.m. services. Children gather by the pulpit at the start of the gradual hymn and process to the Parish House for a song, homily, and prayer time, returning to the sanctuary at the Peace. Parents may accompany their children and are encouraged to do so for those younger than three. Children are also welcome to stay and worship in the main sanctuary. Questions? Contact Lauren Goodyear via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m., from September through May

Children in pre-K through fifth grade may participate in Sunday School on the second floor of the Parish House from 10 to 10:50 a.m. most Sundays of the school year. Contact Lauren Goodyear via the About: Leadership tab on our website with questions.

YOUTH GROUP
Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m., from September through May

Middle and high school youth are invited to the Parish House second floor for an exploration of life and faith with their peers, most Sundays at 10 a.m., during the school year. Questions? Contact the Rev. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

From September through May, youth in 6th grade and above are encouraged to participate during worship by serving as torch bearers or crucifers and helping set the altar for communion. Contact Vincent Scauzzo via stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory for details.

REMINDERS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY | Most Sundays at 10 a.m.

During the program year, this group gathers most Sunday mornings, using a hybrid approach, with some joining via Zoom and others in person, with weekly study materials provided by email. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. To join our email list or find out more, contact us via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Flowers in the church and Parish House are made possible by gifts and are often dedicated to the memory of a loved one or to mark a birth or birthday, wedding, anniversary, graduation, or other special event. To make a dedication, pick up a flower card at the entrance to the church.

JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP

We'd love to help you find your way into life at St. John's. Explore our many ministry groups at www.stjohns-dc.org. If something appeals to you, simply complete the form at **bit.ly/sjc-ministry-interests**, and a ministry leader will be in touch to welcome you and answer any questions.

LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

To listen to past sermons or speaker series, visit our website, scan this QR code or search for "St. John's Church, Lafayette Square" in the Podcast app on your device.

LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

The weekly 11 a.m. Sunday service is broadcast on our website and available for replay, as are evensongs and occasional other special services and events.

SECURITY MEASURES AT ST. JOHN'S

St. John's identity as a congregation is shaped by our urban location in the nation's capital. We seek to welcome all to our services and activities with dignity, while ensuring the safety and well-being of those who worship in our facilities. We hire security personnel for Sundays and special services as a low-key, proactive presence prepared to respond quickly and respectfully to any needs that may arise.

PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

Praying for those in need is an important part of our life together. Contact the Pastoral Care team via the Connect: Ministry Directory tab at stjohns-dc.org to add yourself, family, or friends to our prayer list. Names of friends and family who are not members of the congregation are followed by the name of the parishioner making the request.

Our prayers are requested for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially:

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING, OR GRIEVING

From our parish: Glen Bootay, Stevan Johnson, Carter Keithley, Lydia Olson, and Jack Reiffer.

Friends and family of our parish: Olivia Beckett (Justin Dean), Earl Billings (Chase Rynd) Robert Bliss (Katherine Bliss and Mark Dennis), Jenny Bradley (Wendy J. Fibison), Rocky Bromley (Caleb & James Hays-Reilly), Casey Byers (Eric Peters), Lewis Coleman Casey "Cole" (Eric Bailey), Chad (Wendy Fibison), Tim Collins (Wendy J. Fibison), Paul Colloton (Jack Reiffer), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Dominic D'Andrea (Krista Bradley), Jane Dennis (Katherine Bliss and Mark Dennis), Ann Dilworth (Sydney Brooks), Walt Eccard (Margaret Depue), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Leonard Edwards (Lauren Edwards), Laurie Feldon (Eleanor and Peter Odom), David Ferriero (Fruzsina Harsanyi), Benoit Gibert (Margaret Wiegenstein), Chantay Griffin (Charley Griffin and Gee Gee Bryant), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Pierre Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Petros Kartos (Meg Carter), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Svetlana Kleymenova (Anya Kleymenova), (Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), Tom Lamont (Eric Bailey), Jane Lee (Claire Kim and Jess Unger), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Allie Matthews (Carl and Mary Raether), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Mike (Susan Cardwell), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Mark Mousouris (Chris Northrop), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Susan Price (Richard Price), Scott (Marta Cook and Pierre Cal Trepagnier), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Ashley M. Smith (Marta Cook and Pierre Cal Trepagnier), Elena Sukenik (Holly Sukenik), Sunil (Susan Cardwell), Betty Tisevich

(Debby Hailey), Brad Todd (Pamela Venzke), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), Caleb Williams (Alfred Thesmar), Bess Williamson (Wendy J. Fibison), Michele Wilson (Margo Wiegenstein), Andrew Woods (Johnathan Miller), and Judith York (Caroline Fisher).

THOSE WHO ARE IN THE HOSPITAL

Friends and family of our parish: Dean McGrath (Laurie Adams).

THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

From our parish: Milton Chamberlain, Marcella Odom, Larry Redway, Becky Schergens, Suzanne Whitmore, and Mary Wilson.

Friends and family of our parish: David Brown (Lisa Koehler), Bob Chrystal, Sr. (Chris Jones), Denise T. Griggs (Ginny Griggs), Veronica Jones (Chris Jones), Lori LaPoint (Brent Erstad), Yvonne Reiffer (Jack Reiffer), and Carl Wright (Frank and Nancy Klotz).

THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

Friends and family of our parish: Wilma Daubs (Kay Gilley).

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

David Abernethy, Merrell Cherouny, Chris Janson, Austin Jordan, David Kirchenbauer, Robert Kirchenbauer, Evan Lyerly, Jacob McNeill, Jason Ornstein, Chip Sherrill, Ryan Toney, Frances Stevenson Tyler, Annabel Williams, and Sonya Williams.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

Jennifer Agiesta and Paul Hortenstine, Katherine Bliss and Mark Dennis, Haley and Robby Cowan, Sylvia Martin Estes and Doug Estes, Chip and RJ Lyerly, and Becca Brown Todd and Roderick Todd.

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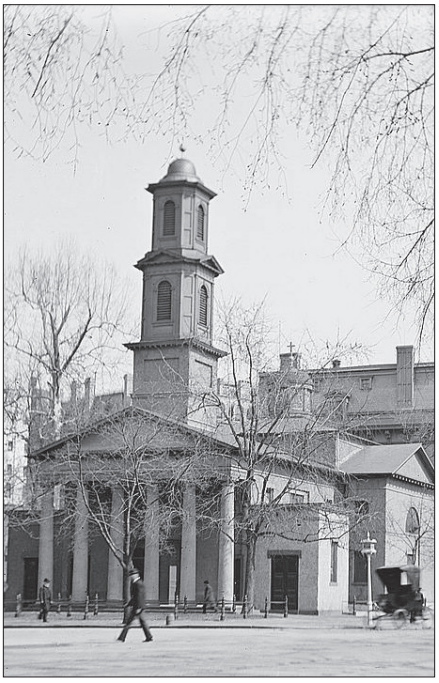
Friends and family of our parish: Janie Abernethy (Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy), Audrey Anikeeff (Tony Anikeeff and Tung-lin Wu), Philip L. Faris (Caroline and Steve Faris), Charles Lewis, Jr. (Charles Lewis, Sr.), and Miles Stewart (James Benjamin).

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*Contact Pastoral Care at **Connect: Ministry Directory on our website** to add, remove, or change a status on the prayer list.*

LIST OF 2027 PLEDGERS

On behalf of the rector, wardens, vestry, and all who share in the grace of God through the worship, ministries, programs, and outreach of St. John's Church, we thank the following for their pledges for the year 2027.



As of November 10, 2026

Anonymous (5)
Kingsley Afemikhe
Anthony Anikeeff & Tung-lin Wu
Douglas Arnold
Bryan Aung
Eric & Jack Bailey
Frederick Baldwin
Jordan & Angelle Baugh
Gabrielle & Simon Beaumont
Bob Beizer
James Benjamin
Kathleen Benner
Diane Hendricks Bitsberger
Marion Blakey & Bill Dooley
Craig & Barbara Burkhardt
Richard Busch
Virginia Chew
Gwinneth Ann Clarkson
Ross Coe
Brian & Kevin Cordova-Brookey
Pam Covington
Nicole & Stephen Crochet
Betsy Danello
William E. Davis
Justin Dean
Mark Dennis & Katherine Bliss
Mike & Beth Dumond
Diana Duncan
James Eastwood
Janet Edmond
Kaye Edwards
Martha Ellison
Cliff & Anne Elmore
Clark Ervin & Carolyn Harris
Doug Estes & Sylvia Martin Estes
Caroline & Steve Faris
Elizabeth Field
Rob Fisher & Sarah Wood
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Ford
Linda Gaines
Liz Gallalee
Kay Killey
John Goheen & Haleigh Hildebrand
Kate & Chris Gorud
Greg & Stephanie Guyett
Sandra Hackworth
Debby Hailey
Budd & Susan Hallberg
Robert & Anne Harrington
Fruzsina Harsanyi
Timothy & Susan Heil
Powell & Joanne Hutton
Marlene Ikeda
Bruce & Georgia Johnson
Katherine Johnson & Nate Rawlings
Robyne Johnston
Wande Johnson
Greg Jordan-Detamore
Bill & Sara Josey
Carter & Fran Keithley
David Kieve & Kate Bedingfield
James & Lisa Kirchenbauer
Anya Kleymenova
Frank & Nancy Klotz
Lisa Koehler
Julia Koster
Kenny Kraft
Chien-Min Lee
Patricia Leslie
John & Emily Lucio
Jan Lupton
Chip & RJ Lyerly
Sherill Mason
Abbott McCartney & Sigrid Block
Saunders & Joan McElroy
Timothy & Lucy Meade
Richard Metzger
Livy More
Jim & Michele Mullins
Kim Nguyen
Peter & Eleanor Odom
Apiyo Oloya
Ralph & Lydia Olson
Matthew Paeffgen
Sharon Park
John & Alma Paty
Ray & Susan Petniunas
Philip Priest
Carl & Mary Raether
Jane Reichard
Carlos Reyes
Charles & Geraldine Rhodes
Claire Rhodes
Sadie Rittenberry
Susan & Steve Roehrich
Damion Rose

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Jess & Alex Sanchez
Brian Schoeneman
Sara Schreiber
Sandy & Susan Sierck
Jeremy Skog & Laura Lieberman
Alex Smith
Toby Stock & Margy Slattery
Holly & John Sukenik
Ed & Lacey Szczepanik
Matthew Taylor
Riley Temple
Hilary & Alfred Thesmar
Pierre Cal Trepagnier & Marta Cook
Frances Tyler
Susan Valaskovic
Patrick & Pamela Venzke
Ryan Wagner
Chris Wall
Susan Welch
Gail Berry West
Trey & Amy Whitworth
Margaret Wiegenstein
Will Yale
Karen Zachary

CHRISTMAS AT ST. JOHN'S



Visit our website for more news and the full calendar of upcoming services, events, and holiday office closures.

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LESSONS & CAROLS

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

Arrive 30 minutes early for any of our Christmas Eve services to enjoy a prelude of carols and music before worship begins.

4:30 p.m. Pageant & Choral Eucharist with Choir

7 p.m. Festal Choral Eucharist
Sermon—The Rev. Rob Fisher

10 p.m. Festal Choral Eucharist
Sermon—The Rev. Rob Fisher

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

11 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist
Sermon—The Rev. Will Morris

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

December 24 at 4:30 p.m.

The annual Christmas Pageant will take place on Christmas Eve beginning at 4:30 p.m. Children ages three and up are invited to participate in the pageant as an Angel, Shepherd, or Friendly Beast. Come 30 minutes early to enjoy a prelude of anthems and carols before the start of the service. All children who wish to participate should attend rehearsal on Saturday, December 19, at 9 a.m. Please contact Lauren Goodyear via the About: Leadership tab of our website for more information.

CHRISTMAS EVE FESTAL EUCHARIST

December 24 at 7 and 10 p.m.

Join with family, friends, and neighbors as we gather at St. John's to celebrate the birth of our Savior. The St. John's Choir and Choristers will be joined by strings and organ in offering George Malcolm's charming "Mass at the Crib," along with many favorite carols. The service will conclude with the traditional singing of "Silent night" by candlelight.

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.

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 Sunday service schedule, Speaker Series speakers and topics, and newsworthy events.

Vestry Leadership & Members

Alfred Thesmar, *Senior Warden*
Julia Koster, *Junior Warden*

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Anya Kleymenova, *Treasurer*
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Heads of Flower Guild
Susan Heil and Zach Schutz

Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*
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The Rev. Cn. Maurice Dyer, *Assisting Priest*
The Rev. William Morris, *Assisting Priest for Engaging Local Communities*
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ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. John's shines as a beacon of God's love through faith, worship, care, and community, and offers a place of grace at our historic corner in the nation's capital.

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