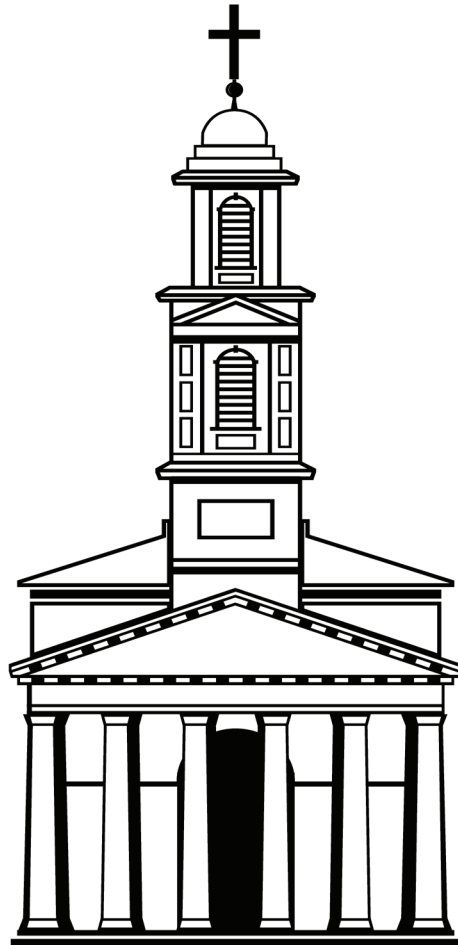


THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
March 23, 2025 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 9 and 11 a.m.



# 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.*

## HYMN 636

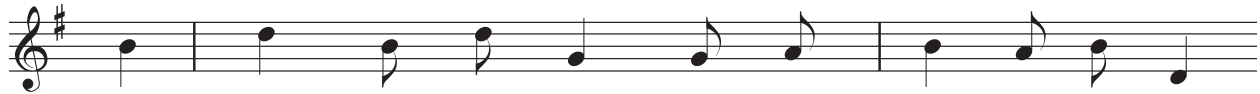
How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

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

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
 4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt. Music: *Foundation*, melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. Calvin Hampton (1938-1984); alt. acc. Eugene W. Hancock (b. 1929).

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please remain standing as you are able.**Priest* Blessed be the God of our salvation:*People* Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.*Priest* Let us confess our sins to God.*Please remain standing, or kneel as you are able.*

*All* God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

*Priest* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## KYRIE (S-91) *Sung by all.*

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880–1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Priest* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-15

*Please be seated.*

*9 a.m. Read by Alex Stolar.*

*11 a.m. Read by Caroline Mazzocchi.*

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 63:1-8

*9 a.m. Led by Holly Sukenik, said responsively by half verse.*

*11 a.m. Chanted by the choir.*

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*

**my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.**

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*

**that I might behold your power and your glory.**

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*

**my lips shall give you praise.**

So will I bless you as long as I live \*

**and lift up my hands in your Name.**

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*

**and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,**

When I remember you upon my bed, \*

**and meditate on you in the night watches.**

For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

*(11 a.m. only) Children's Chapel in the Parish House: All who wish may gather in front of the pulpit during the hymn and will return at the Peace. Parents are encouraged to accompany children younger than three.*

## GRADUAL HYMN 574

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

*Sung by all, standing as you are able. Stanza 1 will be sung before the Gospel, stanza 3 after.*

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science  
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the  
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and  
catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.  
pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.

Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: *St. Petersburg*, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825).

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Following the Gospel, all sing stanza 3 of the gradual hymn.*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell

## 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 Hilary West .

*Standing or kneeling as you are able.*

11 a.m. Led by Jeff Agnew.

*Intercessor* With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

*Silence.*

*Intercessor* For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*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. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for Chapel of the Annunciation, Church House. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann, our Bishop; and for all clergy and other ministers, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For Donald, our President, for the leaders of Congress and the nations, for the Supreme Court, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For this city of Washington, for every city and community, and for those who live in them. For those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week . . . ; and for those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week . . . , let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering. For those who are in assisted living . . . , let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, for refugees and migrants throughout the world, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially . . . , let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**



*Intercessor* In the communion of St. John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*People* **To thee, O Lord our God.**

*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.**

## THE PEACE

*Please stand as you are able.*

*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. A donation via this code can go only to offerings and not to pledges or any other specific funds.*



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come, renew us

Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

*Sung by the choir.*

Come, Lord, come to us.  
Enter our darkness with your light,  
fill our emptiness with your presence,  
come refresh, restore, renew us.  
In our sadness, come as joy,  
in our troubles, come as peace,  
in our fearfulness, come as hope,  
in our darkness, come as light,  
in our frailty, come as strength,  
in our loneliness come as love.  
Come, refresh, restore, renew us.

—David Adam (1936–2020)

## HYMN 706

In your mercy, Lord, you called me

*Standing as you are able.*

1 In your mer - cy, Lord, you called me, taught my  
2 Lord, I did not free - ly choose you till by  
3 Now my heart sets none a - bove you, for your

sin - filled heart and mind, else this world had  
grace you set me free; for my heart would  
grace a - lone I thirst, know - ing well, that

still en - thrall'd me, and to glo - ry kept me blind.  
still re - fuse you had your love not cho - sen me.  
if I love you, you, O Lord, have loved me first.

Words: Josiah Conder (1789-1855); alt. Charles P. Price (1920-1999). Copyright © 1982, Charles P. Price. Music: *Halton Holgate*, William Boyce (1711-1779).

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*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.

*The priest continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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-124)** *Sung by all.*

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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-161) *Sung by all.*

David Hurd

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

## 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 *Sung by the choir.*

*At 9 a.m.*

View me, Lord

Richard Lloyd (1933–2021)

View me, Lord, a work of thine: Shall I then lie drown'd in night?  
Might thy grace in me but shine, I should seem made all of light.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel at thine altar pure and bright:  
They that once thy mercies feel, gaze no more on earth's delight.

Worldly joys, like shadows, fade when the heav'nly light appears,  
but the cov'nants thou hast made, endless, know nor days nor years.

In thy Word, Lord, is my trust, to thy mercies fast I fly;  
though I am but clay and dust, yet thy grace can lift me high.

—*Thomas Campion (1567–1620)*

*At 11 a.m.*

A hymn to God the Father

Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun, which was my sin, though it were done before?  
Wilt thou forgive that sin, through which I run, and do run still, though still I do deplore?  
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won others to sin, and made my sin their door?  
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun a year or two, but wallow'd in, a score?  
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.

I have a sin of fear, that when I have spun my last thread, I shall perish on the shore;  
but swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore;  
and, having done that, thou hast done; I fear no more.

—*John Donne (1572–1631)*

**HYMN 10** *Sung by all, seated.*

New every morning is the love

1 New ev - ery morn - ing is the love  
2 New mer - cies, each re - turn - ing day,  
6 On - ly, O Lord, in thy dear love,

1 our wak - ening and up - ris - ing prove;  
2 a - round us ho - ver while we pray;  
6 fit us for per - fect rest a - bove;

1 through sleep and dark - ness safe - ly brought,  
2 new per - ils past, new sins for - given,  
6 and help us, this and ev - ery day,

1 re - stored to life and power and thought.  
2 new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.  
6 to live more near - ly as we pray.

Words: John Keble (1792–1866). Music: *Kedron*, melody att. Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782–1826); harm. *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt. *Hymnal* 1982.

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Priest* Let us pray.

*All* Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*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 699

Jesus, Lover of my soul

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

1 Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om  
2 O - ther ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on  
3 Plen-teous grace with thee is found, grace to cleanse from ev - ery

fly, while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest  
thee; leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and  
sin; let the heal - ing streams a - bound, make and keep me

still is high: hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide,  
com - fort me! All my trust on thee is stayed;  
pure with - in. Thou of life the foun - tain art,

till the storm of life be past; safe in - to the  
all my help from thee I bring; cov - er my de -  
free - ly let me take of thee: spring thou up with -

ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last.  
fense - less head with the sha - dow of thy wing.  
in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1783), alt. Music: *Aberystwyth*, Joseph Parry (1841-1903).

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## VOLUNTARY

Fugue in C minor, BWV 582

J.S. Bach

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**THE GREENS IN THE CHURCH ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD,**  
and in memory of Anne Field.

**ASSISTING AT THE 9 A.M. SERVICE**

Anya Kleymenova, *Crucifer* ♦ Jack Reiffer and Hilary West, *Chalice Bearers*  
Robyne Johnston, *Assistant Head Usher* ♦ Anne Stewart, *Usher*  
Eleanor Odom and Peter Odom, *Greeters*  
Pat Dalby, Katherine Kyle, and Adelle Simmons, *Flower Guild*

**ASSISTING AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE**

Kevin Cordova-Brookey, *Crucifer* ♦ Walker Crochet and Cooper Thesmar, *Acolytes*  
Eric Bailey and Matt Bode, *Chalice Bearers*  
Anthony Pegues, *Assistant Head Usher*  
Fruzsina Harsanyi, Michele Mullins, and Karen Zachary, *Ushers*  
Christine Davies and Sarah Wood, *Greeters*  
Pat Dalby, Katherine Kyle, and Adelle Simmons, *Flower Guild*  
Matthew Taylor, *Livestream Technician*

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.**

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**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 with an usher or greeter. ♦ Free valet parking is available on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Look for the valet sign at the corner of Black Lives Matter Plaza (16th Street) and H Street, NW. ♦ 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.*

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## Announcements for the Week of March 23

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### TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

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- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell  
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—Sermon by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell
- 10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor)  
Speaker Series (Togo West Parlor; see page 2)  
Church 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—Sermon by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell  
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor)  
Parish Lunch (see next column)  
Church Tour (see next column)

### 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: Cambridge Place, NW; Massachusetts Avenue, NW; E. Bellefonte Avenue, Alexandria; and N. Daniel Street, Arlington.

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

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### PARISH LUNCH

Today at noon | Vestry Tex Mex

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 costs of the lunch. All are welcome. Valet parking hours are extended to 2 p.m. any Sunday with a parish lunch.



### TOUR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Today at noon | Guided by Richard J. Price

For more than 200 years our church has served as a place of worship for a growing and everchanging city and country. Its structure is a lasting testament to Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who, because of his training in both architecture and engineering, is considered by the American Institute of Architects as our country's first architect. For an in-person tour of St. John's, meet at the front of the church near the baptismal font after the 11 a.m. service.

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### SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 24–30

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**Monday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Tuesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Wednesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Thursday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

*There will be no noonday prayer on Friday, due to the scheduled memorial service for Jennifer Urquhart.*

**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 Children's Chapel

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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### Monday, March 24

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

### Tuesday, March 25

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

5 p.m. Silent Prayer Gatherings (see below)

### Wednesday, March 26

4:30 p.m. Advanced Choristers Rehearsal

### Thursday, March 27

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsals

7 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, March 28

11 a.m. Memorial Service for Jennifer Urquhart

## DISCOVER THE PRACTICE OF SILENT PRAYER

### Tuesday evenings in Lent, 5–6 p.m.

Join us on the evenings of March 25 and April 1 and 8 to discover a simple practice of silent prayer in community, for which the Sunday Speaker Series discussions provide initial teaching and encouragement. Newcomers to this practice are particularly welcome, and the cumulative effect of several weeks of this form of prayer together may be surprising.

There are three in-person locales each week, conjoined via the internet, and each session will be very briefly opened by the Rev. Professor Sarah Coakley in Alexandria. The last of these events (April 8) will involve 15 minutes of shared silence followed by a very simple contemplative Eucharist in each locale—and, for participants at St. John's, a simple meal of soup and salad (details on page 4). The locations are:

**St. John's Church** (1525 H Street, NW)

*Convened by the Rev. Robert W. Fisher*

**The Oratory, Immanuel Chapel, Virginia Theological Seminary** (3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria)

*Convened by the Rev. Professor Sarah Coakley*

**Northwest D.C.** (near the Tenleytown Metro)

*Convened by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell*

Sign up at [bit.ly/silent-prayer-lent-2025](https://bit.ly/silent-prayer-lent-2025). Please plan to arrive at your preferred location by 5 p.m. Sessions will begin promptly at 5:15 p.m. and end promptly at 6 p.m.

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## SPEAKER SERIES

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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.



**March 23: The Rev. Martin L. Smith—**“Being emotionally honest in prayer: Who does God want to be for us as we pray?” *(This is the final presentation in our three-part lenten series on prayer.)*



**March 30: South Africa Pilgrimage.** Learn about our partnership with Kwasa College in Springs, South Africa, from St. John's parishioners who visited the school this past August. In addition to spending time at Kwasa, the group visited surrounding communities in Johannesburg and Cape Town, and met with leadership in the dioceses of both the Highveld and Cape Town. Come hear about the experience from our pilgrims, including the Rev. Rob Fisher, Sarah Wood, Zoe Fisher, Sigi Block, Abbott McCartney, Johnathan Miller, Lilly Strieder, Cooper Thesmar, and Hilary Thesmar.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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### SAMARITAN MINISTRY

**Next Step Breakfast: Saturday, March 29, 9–10:30 a.m.**

Come make a difference for your DMV neighbors in need at Samaritan Ministry's inspiring Next Step breakfast. The Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde will give the keynote and you'll hear from volunteers, staff, and Next Step participants who are transforming their lives with the help of Samaritan supporters like you. You will also have time to meet and visit with others in the Samaritan Ministry community.

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The breakfast will be held at the National Press Club in downtown D.C. Visit [bit.ly/NSB25REGISTER](https://bit.ly/NSB25REGISTER) to sign up free of charge; when prompted to give a table captain, enter Sarah Wood or Matt Bode. Can't attend? Make a donation at [bit.ly/NSB25GIFTS](https://bit.ly/NSB25GIFTS). Questions? Contact Sarah Wood via our online directory or go to [www.samaritanministry.org](https://www.samaritanministry.org).

### **N STREET VILLAGE SUPPLY DRIVE**

**Now through March 30**

The Sisters at St. John's are partnering with N Street Village, a local group that supports D.C. women experiencing homelessness by offering a broad spectrum of services, housing, and advocacy in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. We are collecting a variety of necessities, including travel sizes of toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, lotion, and deodorant, as well as cleaning supplies, dishwashing soap, paper towels, toilet paper, women's underwear (sizes 7, 8, 11, and 12), and adult incontinence items (M–XXL). To donate, please bring any of the above items to church with you and leave them in the basket by the reception area in the Parish House. Or skip the hassle and order supplies via the online wish list found at [bit.ly/sisters-supplies-2024](https://bit.ly/sisters-supplies-2024).

### **LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP**

**Sunday, March 30, at 2 p.m.**

On Sunday, March 30, we will enjoy parish lunch before caravanning to the National Gallery of Art for a 2 p.m. lecture, part of a series called "America's Architecture of Freedom and Unfreedom," about the interplay of race and the construction of national identity. You are welcome to join us for lunch, the lecture, or both; let us know to expect you at [bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events](https://bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events). The Lafayette Fellowship offers activities for adults at St. John's who seek to build community with one another, typically gathering on the second Tuesday of the month for an evening activity. Questions? Contact Hilary West via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](https://stjohns-dc.org).

### **LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP**

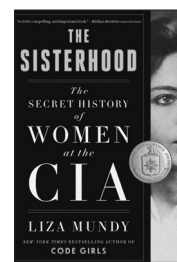
**Wednesday, April 2, at 6:30 p.m.**

The Latrobe Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We typically gather at St. John's at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for a short worship service followed by an activity. In April, join us for evening prayer followed by dinner and beverages in Togo West Parlor, as we explore the use of prayer beads within the Anglican tradition and craft our own beads to take home. For more, contact the Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey, our minister for youth and young adults, via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

### **ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP**

**Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m.**

Please join us via Zoom to discuss *The Sisterhood: The Secret History of Women at the CIA* by Liza Mundy. *The Sisterhood* tells the story of how women at the CIA ushered in the modern intelligence age, and how their silencing made the world more dangerous. The book group typically meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information and the link, please contact leader Janet Edmond via the online directory at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](https://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).



### **THE 2025 SPRING ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS**

**Saturdays, April 5 and 12, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Would you like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church? Are you curious to learn more about the Christian faith, the Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John's? Consider joining the Spring Adult Inquirers' Class led by the Rev. Rob Fisher. The class will meet on Saturdays, April 5 and 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and all are welcome—newcomers and longtime parishioners alike. To register, contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

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**PLEDGING AT ST. JOHN'S:** *As of Tuesday, March 18, we had received 296 pledges totalling \$1,165,482.*

Thank you to all who have already pledged to support the mission and ministry of St. John's. We treasure pledges of any size, big or small. If you still need to make a pledge for 2025, please pick up a pledge card from the front desk or in the narthex of the church, or visit [stjohns-dc.org/give/pledge](https://stjohns-dc.org/give/pledge) to complete a form online. Thank you for your generosity!

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## LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP SOUP AND SALAD

**Tuesday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. in Togo West Parlor**

All who attend the final silent prayer gathering at St. John's (see page 2) are encouraged to join the Lafayette Fellowship afterward for soup, salad, and refreshments. Seminarian Caroline Mazzocchi will lead a group discussion offering a chance to reflect on our lenten journeys. For planning purposes, we ask for RSVPs at [bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events](http://bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events). Questions? Contact Hilary West via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org).

## REFUGEE SUPPLY DRIVE & VOLUNTEER DAY

**Saturday, April 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

St. John's Refugee Committee is hosting a supply drive and volunteer day in support of the LSSNCA Resource Center ([lssnca.org](http://lssnca.org)), which serves as a hub for donations for refugee families and also arranges cultural orientation and group gatherings for recently resettled refugees.

**To donate**, choose from our online Amazon Wish List at [bit.ly/sjc-refugee-supplies-spring-2025](http://bit.ly/sjc-refugee-supplies-spring-2025) or contact Lacy Broemel via the online Ministry Directory to arrange an in-person donation. The most pressing current needs are sugar, pillows, and new or gently used men's clothing (pants, shirts, and jeans) in sizes XS to medium.

**You can also support the effort by volunteering** to sort donations, stock shelves, pack orders for clients, and do light cleaning and inventory on Saturday, April 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lutheran Social Services Resource Center (5710A General Washington Drive, Alexandria). Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome. Contact the Refugee Committee at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory/](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory/) to let us know if you can attend or need a carpool.

## GRACE'S TABLE

**Third Saturdays, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

*Upcoming Dates: April 19 and May 17*

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.

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## HOLY WEEK & EASTER

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### HOLY WEEK PREVIEW

**Sunday, April 6, at 10 a.m.**

Interactive stations will be set up to help kids (and parents) learn about the significance of what happens between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. This offering is geared toward families with infants, toddlers, and elementary aged children, although all are welcome. Come prepare to participate in the liturgies of Holy Week and discover ways you might mark these special days at church or at home.

### PALM SUNDAY—April 13

- 8 a.m. Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms
- 9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms and Passion Reading
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms and Passion Reading

### MAUNDY THURSDAY—April 17

- Noon Choral Eucharist with Foot Washing
- 5 p.m. Family Service with Eucharist, Foot Washing, and Stripping of the Altar
- 7 p.m. Choral Eucharist with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

### GOOD FRIDAY—April 18

- Noon Good Friday Service with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

### EASTER DAY—April 20

- 8 a.m. Eucharist with Hymns
- 9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Brass and Percussion
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Brass and Percussion

## EASTER DAY FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The deadline for inclusion in the Easter Day order of service is Friday, April 11, at noon.

The flowers that enhance the beauty of the Church and Parish House are made possible by gifts from our community. Many are given as memorials and in thanksgiving for loved ones. Please consider remembering those who are important to you in this special way. The suggested donation is \$55 per name. Complete the following information on the form below, or visit our website to complete your gift online.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form, enclose it with a check payable to St. John's Church, and place it in the offering plate on Sunday. You may also pay online at [bit.ly/sjc-give-now](http://bit.ly/sjc-give-now). Choose "Special Flowers" in the dropdown menu. Under memo, list the name(s), and indicate whether your gift is in memory of or in thanksgiving for.

Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

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## NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

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### LENTEN DAILY DEVOTIONAL SERIES: "PATHWAYS THROUGH LENT"

"Pathways through Lent" is a daily email giving you Bible readings, a prayer, and a reflection to help with your Lenten practices. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, you may subscribe at [bit.ly/sjc-pathways](http://bit.ly/sjc-pathways). Pathways will be published every weekday morning now through Good Friday, April 18. For Saturdays and Sundays during Lent, we encourage you to read the reflection that our clergy send to remind us of the Sunday services, and, of course, to participate in worship either in person or via livestream at [bit.ly/sjc-livestream](http://bit.ly/sjc-livestream).

### LIVESTREAM MINISTRY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

St. John's streams one Sunday service a week, the monthly choral evensong, Christmas and Holy Week services, and very occasional parish-wide events. The livestream offering has become particularly meaningful to parishioners unable to attend due to illness or travel, as well as to anyone anywhere seeking to learn more about St. John's. If you are curious about this ministry or want to join our volunteers,

visit the livestream desk any Sunday after services or contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

### BAPTISMS

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 (see page 5), offered twice a year, and be active, pledging participants in the life of the parish. Upcoming dates for baptism and required pre-baptismal classes with the clergy at St. John's include:

**Sunday, April 27, at 11 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, April 26, at 10 a.m.*

**Sunday, June 8, at 9 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, June 7, at 10 a.m.*

**Sunday, November 2, at 9 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, November 1, at 10 a.m.*

### SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH

**Most Sundays after the 11 a.m. service**

We offer thanks to the many individuals, families, groups, and parish ministries who have hosted a parish lunch during

this program year. The remaining lunches and hosts are:

March 23	Vestry Tex Mex
March 30	Care of Creation
April 6	Sisters at St. John's
April 13	<i>No Lunch: Palm Sunday</i>
April 20	<i>No Lunch: Easter Day</i>
April 27	Kwasa
May 4	New Member Reception: All welcome
May 11	<i>No Lunch: Mothers Day</i>
May 18	Youth Group
May 25	<i>No Lunch: Memorial Day Weekend</i>
June 1	St. John's Pride
June 8	Pentecost Party

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## FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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### NURSERY HOURS

**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 meets in the Godly Play Classroom #2 on the second floor of the Parish House.

### CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

**Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m.**

Children in pre-K through fifth grade may participate in Church School on the second floor of the Parish House. For information, contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

### YOUTH GROUP

**Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m.**

Most Sundays from September through May, middle and high school youth are invited to the second floor of the Parish House for an exploration of life and faith with their peers. Questions? Contact the Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

### CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

**Sundays during the sermon at 11 a.m. worship**

Children from birth through grade 5 are invited to gather by the pulpit during 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 the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

### THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

**Sundays during 11 a.m. worship**

Youth in 6th grade and above are welcome to participate during the 11 a.m. service, serving as torch bearers or crucifers and helping set the altar for communion. To learn more, contact us via [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

### CHORISTER PROGRAM

We offer a preparatory choir for children in grades 3–6 and an advanced (auditioned) program for young singers with unchanged voices. To learn more or express interest, contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

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## REMINDERS

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### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**Sundays at 10 a.m.**

This group gathers most Sunday mornings, with some joining via Zoom and others in person. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. For information, please contact Jack Reiffer via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](http://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.

### MAKE A PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

A pledge is a commitment of financial support payable over the course of a year that enables us to plan the work that we undertake in mission and ministry. You can indicate a pledge commitment using this QR code or by visiting the Give tab on our website.



### ONLINE OFFERINGS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS

To make a monetary offering toward your pledge or a specific fund, scan the QR code at right, or visit our website, then select the desired destination using the "Fund" drop-down menu.





## JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP

Explore our many ministry groups at [www.stjohns-dc.org](http://www.stjohns-dc.org), and contact the leaders via our online Ministry Directory for details or to sign up.

## 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 (10:30 a.m. in summer) is broadcast and available for replay on our website, as are evensongs and occasional other special services and events.

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## PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

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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](http://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.

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

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING, OR GRIEVING

**From our parish:** Margo Arnold, Sydney Brooks, Hyman Field, LaFleur Paysour, David Springer, and Richard Young.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), Kiesha Carroll (GeeGee Bryant), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Gisela Block (Sigi Block), Cliff Christians (Jack Reiffer), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Sue Edmonds (Sarah and Jeff Agnew), Justin Fyala (Jack Reiffer), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Mark Hallett (Livy More), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Charlotte Crowley Junilla (Margo Arnold), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Lisa Nestor (Sarah Wood),

Patrick Christopher O'Donnell (Wendy J. Fibison), Sophie Panagi (Brian and KayAnn Schoeneman), Paul Peralta (Debby Hailey), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Leo S. (Wendy J. Fibison), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Geri Shapiro (Jordan Baugh), Louise Shaughnessy (Sarah Wood), Pam Snyder (Sarah Agnew), Patsy Swain (Margo Arnold), Sallie and William Wilkie Thompson (Cecelia Thompson), Ashley Smith Thomson (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), John Walsten (Emily and John Lucio), Richard Waycott (Louisa Waycott), Darrel Williams (Caleb and James Reilly), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), Andrew Woods (Johnathan Miller), and Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart).

### THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

**From our parish:** Eve Atkeson, Milton Chamberlain, Barbie Harper, Jack Kinsey, Barney Malloy, Marcella Odom, Becky Schergens, and Paul Van Nice.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Wilma Daubs (Kay Gilley), Lori LaPoint (Brent Erstad), Cawley Scott (Robyne Johnston), and Carl Wright (Frank and Nancy Klotz).

### THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

**Friends and family of our parish:** Ann (Frances Tyler), Henry Farrington (Wendy J. Fibison), Janet Fischer (Ann Gardner), and Ian Paton (Frances Tyler).

### THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

**From our parish:** Diane Spaulding, March 18.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Alan K. Simpson, March 14 (Debby Hailey).

### THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Philip Anfinrud, William Birdseye, Marion Blakey, Mark Cardwell, Stephen Crochet, Elissa Edwards, John Gardner, Janet Helgert, John Kirchenbauer, Iona Lagera, Richard Lovering, Mila McGregor, Brandon Montgomery, Sang Yi, and Hannah Zeller.

### THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

Bonnie and Charles Dewitt.

### THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

**Friends and family of our parish:** Janie Abernethy (Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy), Anna Broadbent-Evelyn (Shawn Evelyn), and Philip L. Faris (Caroline and Steve Faris).

# 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](http://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.

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## **Vestry Leadership & Members**

Nora Rigby, *Senior Warden*

Alfred Thesmar, *Junior Warden*

Tony Anikeeff, Brian Cordova-Brookey,  
Kaye Edwards, Casey Evans, Debby Hailey,  
Fruzsina Harsanyi, Julia Koster,  
Elizabeth Cavert Morrison,  
Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, Jack Reiffer,  
Matthew Taylor, and Jess Unger, *Members*

Nora Haugh, *Treasurer*

Anya Kleymenova, *Assistant Treasurer*

Allie Raether, *Secretary*

Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

**Head Usher**—James H. Czerwonky

**Head Greeters**—Eleanor and Peter Odom

## **Heads of Flower Guild**

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

## **Worship & Program Staff**

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

The Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell, *Associate Rector*

The Rev. William Morris, *Assisting Priest*  
*for Engaging Local Communities*

Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

Lyn Loewi, *Associate Organist*

The Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey, *Minister for Youth and*  
*Young Adults*

## **Staff**

Preston Cherouny, *Chief Operating Officer*

Charley Griffin, *Operations Manager*

Lisa Koehler, *Program Associate and*  
*Executive Assistant to the Rector*

Javier Obregon, *Sexton*

GeeGee Bryant, David Gamboa, and John Queen,  
*Assistant Sextons*

Anne Stone, *Publications*

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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.

## **Parish House**

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