

SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

LAFAYETTE SQUARE • WASHINGTON, DC

CHORAL EVENSONG

February 21, 2024

*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

Whether you are a longtime member or a visitor, we are happy to welcome you this evening. If you would like to learn more about St. John's and our presence in this city, we invite you to fill out a "Welcome" card that can be placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher. Choral Evensong is offered on the third Wednesday of each month from September through May. To see a schedule of upcoming services and events, visit our website: www.stjohns-dc.org.

Steeped in the beauty of the Anglican tradition, Evensong meets us at the even point between the active day and the restful night. It draws on the richness of monastic worship by inviting us to reflect upon scripture, to sing praises to God, and to pray. In its cadence, Evensong speaks to many of our deepest 21st-century needs, providing space for peace and for contemplation. We hope that this service, in the midst of this busy city, refreshes and restores you this evening.

SETTINGS FOR THIS EVENING

Preres and Responses by Bernard Rose (1916–1996)
Canticles—Short Service by Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

VOLUNTARY

Dusk

Nkeiru Okoye (b. 1972)

INTROIT

Abide with me

arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.

When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour. What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?

Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

O thou who changest not, abide with me. In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me. Amen.

—Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)

HYMN 35

Christ, mighty Savior, Light of all creation

Please stand as the procession enters and remain standing to sing the hymn.



1 Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the
2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set-ting: mir - ror of
3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly
4 Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion: that you may
5 Though bo - dies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil, for ev - er



1 day - time ra - dant with the sun - light and to the night give
2 day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion; while in the hea - vens
3 chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion
4 grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,
5 rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness



1 glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars _____ in the hea - vens.
2 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.
3 join - ing hearts and voic - es sing - ing your glo - ry.
4 rest for ach - ing bo - dies, sooth - ing the wear - y.
5 wor - ship - ing our Sa - vior now _____ and for ev - er.

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WELCOME

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Please remain standing.

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

—*Psalm 141:2*

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.
I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.

—*Psalm 16:7, 8*

THE PRECES AND RESPONSES

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;
Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Choir As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.
Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM 49

Audite haec, omnes Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814–1856)

Please be seated.

O hear ye this, all ye people *
ponder it with your ears, all ye that dwell in the world;
High and low, rich and poor *
one with another.

My mouth shall speak of wisdom *
and my heart shall muse of understanding.

I will incline mine ear to the parable *
and shew my dark speech upon the harp.

Wherefore should I fear in the days of wickedness *
and when the wickedness of my heels compasseth me round about?

There be some that put their trust in their goods *
and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches.

But no man may deliver his brother *
nor make agreement unto God for him;

For it cost more to redeem their souls *
so that he must let that alone for ever;

Yea, though he live long *
and see not the grave.

For he seeth that wise men also die, and perish together *
as well as the ignorant and foolish, and leave their riches for other.

And yet they think that their houses shall continue for ever *
and that their dwelling-places shall endure from one generation to another;
and call the lands after their own names.

Nevertheless, man will not abide in honour *
seeing he may be compared unto the beasts that perish; this is the way of them.

This is their foolishness *
and their posterity praise their saying.

They lie in the hell like sheep, death gnaweth upon them,
and the righteous shall have domination over them in the morning *
their beauty shall consume in the sepulchre out of their dwelling.

But God hath delivered my soul from the place of hell *
for he shall receive me.
Be not thou afraid, though one be made rich *
or if the glory of his house be increased ;
For he shall carry nothing away with him when he dieth *
neither shall his pomp follow him.
For while he lived, he counted himself an happy man *
and so long as thou doest well unto thyself, men will speak good of thee.
He shall follow the generation of his fathers *
and shall never see light.
Man being in honour hath no understanding *
but is compared unto the beasts that perish.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Read by Clark Ervin.

Genesis 37:25-36

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt. When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. He returned to his brothers, and said, "The boy is gone; and I, where can I turn?"

Then they took Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. They had the long robe with sleeves taken to their father, and they said, "This we have found; see now whether it is your son's robe or not." He recognized it, and said, "It is my son's robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces." Then Jacob tore his garments, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son many days. All his sons and all his daughters sought to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted, and said, "No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning." Thus his father bewailed him. Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE MAGNIFICAT

Sung by the choir.

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND READING

Read by Jack Reiffer.

Mark 1:29-45

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Sung by the choir.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word,
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Sung by all on a monotone, standing as you are able.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sung by the choir.

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. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
Choir And grant us thy salvation.
Officiant O Lord, save the State;
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.
Officiant O Lord, save thy people;
Choir And bless thine inheritance.
Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

Officiant Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Choir Amen.
Officiant Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior.
Choir Amen.
Officiant Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.
Choir Amen.

REMARKS

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

Please be seated.

*An offering to support the ministry of St. John's Church will be collected during the singing of the anthem.
You may make an offering by placing your donation in the plate or using 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.*



THE ANTHEM

Steal away to Jesus

arr. Dale Adelman (b. 1961)

Sung by the choir.

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus. Steal away, steal away home. I ain't got long tuh stay here.
My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thunder, the trumpet sounds within-a my soul.
Green trees a-bendin', po' sinner stands a-tremblin', the trumpet sounds within-a my soul.
I ain't got long tuh stay here.

—*Negro spiritual*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Said by all, standing as you are able.

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

Choir Thanks be to God.

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
be with us all evermore.

People **Amen.**

HYMN

The prompting for the pilgrim

Sung by all.



1. The promp - ting for the pil - grim is Christ's per - sis - tent heart, which finds us where we've
2. Each dawn we find dir - e - ction in Christ's e - ter - nal Word: to lift our cross and
3. Some days our steps are cer - tain; we stride a - long the road on legs that seem un -
4. Our pil - grim - age of long - ing is bound - ed by the love of One who jour - neys



fal - tered and bids our jour - ney start. He knows we are un - know - ing, that
bear it in ser - vice to the Lord. Each day we find the fa - vors he
fail - ing in bear - ing up our load. On o - thers we are des - perate and
with us, his right - eous - ness to prove. He comes a - long be - side us and



we do not per - ceive the full - ness of the foot path we walk when we be -
strews a - long the way: small mor - sels of re - new - al that feed us day by
fumb - ling for - ward go in path - ways un - fam - i - liar, in lanes we do not
stirs our souls to run, to lift our hearts in sing - ing to praise the Three in



lieve. Yet he calls us to the high - way his hum - ble feet have
day. Each eve we find a gath - ering of those who share this
know. But then, as we look back - wards past miles our minds can
One. May all our pil - grim pro - gress for - ev - er bless - ed



trod, to walk a - long be - side him, com - pan - ions with our God.
call, whose sto - ries shared in faith soon make neigh - bors of us all.
trace, we see not stops and stumb - lings but al - tars of his grace.
be, that we who walk in faith may find all our ends in thee.

Words: Erika Takacs (b. 1973). Music: *Altar of Grace*, Robert McCormick (b. 1978).

VOLUNTARY

Ricercare

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583–1643)

ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

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Lyn Loewi, *Associate Organist*

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.**

NEWS AND EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

BELL TOWER RESTORATION IS UNDERWAY

Work on the bell tower has begun! This first phase includes activity to survey the tower, with the installation of preliminary scaffolding, overhead sidewalk protection, and traffic control signage. We ask for your patience—and we invite your participation—in the weeks and months to come. Throughout the project, we will make every effort to minimize disruption and ensure everyone's safety as we continue our regular schedule of worship and church programs. Visit stjohns-dc.org/history/bell-tower to learn more and find out how you can support the work.

WOMEN IN THE ARTS

Sunday, February 25, at 2 p.m.

The Sisters at St. John's is a group of women who support each other throughout the year in friendship, fellowship, and ministry. Join us this February for a docent-led tour of the National Museum of Women in the Arts. All St. John's women are welcome. Tickets will be available at the door (\$16), and we hope to gather beforehand for lunch. Please let us know if you plan to attend the lunch and/or the tour. And if you are a woman at St. John's—or if you know of one—who is in need of support for reasons such as a birth, death, or illness, please reach out as well. You can find us through the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, February 28, at 6:30 p.m.

The Lafayette Fellowship will meet for dinner in the Togo West Parlor. All adults—single, couples, old souls, young at heart—are invited to join us for food and fellowship. To help us plan, RSVP to Hilary West via the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory. We hope you will join us for what will be a fun and joyful evening!

MIDWEEK MUSIC

Wednesday, March 6, at 12:15 p.m.

Enjoy a concert by the Air Force String Orchestra, which promotes American composers, breaks down political barriers, and encourages global dialogue through music. Midweek Music performances take place during the lunch hour on the first Wednesday of each month from October through May and are open to the public free of charge.

LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m.

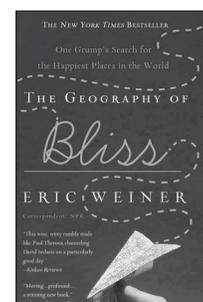
Just in time for tax season, the Latrobe Fellowship hosts its monthly gathering, at which Lisa Kirchenbauer, wealth manager and Chair of St. John's Investment & Planned Giving Committees, will lead a conversation about aligning money and values through financial life planning. We will start at 6:30 p.m. with a service of Compline followed by dinner in Togo West Parlor. Both non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages will be available.

The Latrobe Young Adult Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We 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. For more info, please contact the Rev. Shawn Evelyn using the About: Leadership tab on our website.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

Thursday, March 7, at 7 p.m.

Join us in person at the church or via Zoom to discuss *The Geography of Bliss* by Eric Weiner. A longtime foreign correspondent for National Public Radio, Weiner travels to some of the world's most contented places to discover what we can learn from other cultures about the nature of happiness. The book group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information, contact us via the directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.



THE 2024 SPRING ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS

Saturdays, March 16 and 23

Would you like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John's? If so, please join the Spring Adult Inquirers' Class. This two-day class will meet on Saturdays, March 16 and 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Rev. Rob Fisher, Rector of St. John's, will lead the sessions.

All are welcome, whether you are a newcomer or a longtime parishioner. This is an opportunity to learn more about our Christian faith, the Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John's Church. To register, please contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

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.

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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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