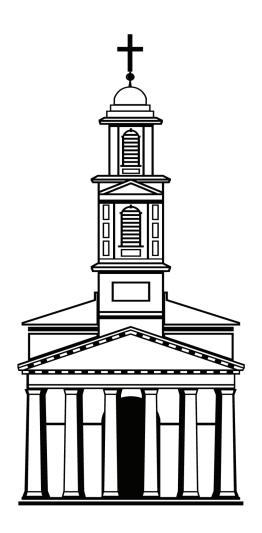
# THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 19, 2025 + Holy Eucharist at 9 and 11 a.m.



# SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

LAFAYETTE SQUARE . WASHINGTON, DC

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.

#### **VOLUNTARY**

Trio in D minor

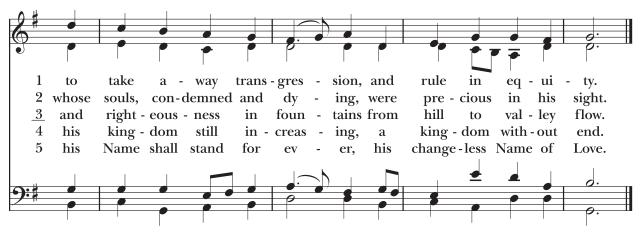
Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713–1780)

#### **HYMN 616**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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





Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72. Music: Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein, German folk song; adapt. and harm. A Student's Hymnal, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).

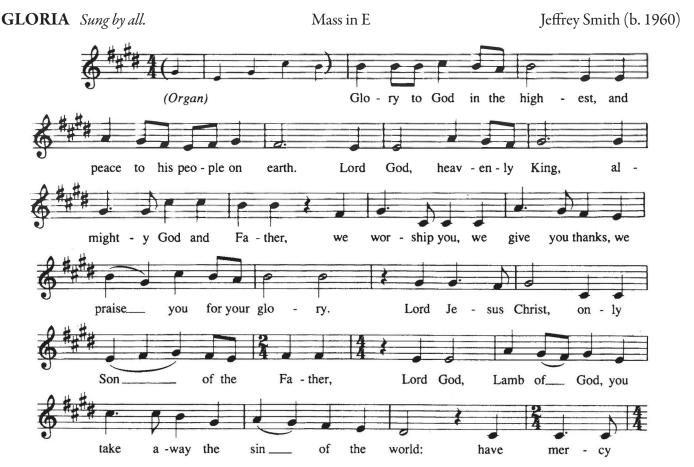
# THE WORD OF GOD

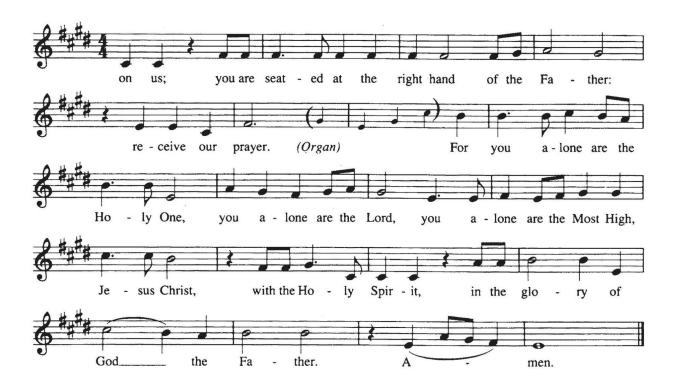
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Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*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.** 





#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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

Genesis 32:22-31

Please be seated.

9 a.m. Read by Kingsley Afemikhe.

11 a.m. Read by Alex Stolar.

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*

from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the LORD, \*

the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved \* and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \* shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The LORD himself watches over you; \*

the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \* nor the moon by night.

The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \* it is he who shall keep you safe.

The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \* from this time forth for evermore.

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

#### **GRADUAL HYMN 628**

Help us, O Lord, to learn

Sung by all, standing as you are able. Stanzas 1 & 2 will be sung before the Gospel, stanza 3 after.



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THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told the disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Priest 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 Holly Sukenik.

Kneeling or standing as you are able.

11 a.m. Led by Chris Janson.

Intercessor Let us give thanks to the living God for all the gifts that we enjoy, saying, "We thank you, living God."

Silence.

Intercessor For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea:

People We thank you, living God.

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 people whose lives

reveal the image of Christ:

People We thank you, living God.

Intercessor For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends:

People We thank you, living God.

*Intercessor* For minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve:

People We thank you, living God.

Intercessor For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play:

People We thank you, living God.

Intercessor For challenges which call forth new strength, for failures which teach greater humility,

and for encouragement to persevere when life is hard:

People We thank you, living God.

*Intercessor* For those in special need today, especially . . . ; and for your care for all those in need:

People We thank you, living God.

Intercessor For those celebrating a birthday this week . . . ; for those celebrating an anniversary this

week...; and for all blessings of this life:

People We thank you, living God.

Intercessor We pray for Donald, our President, the leaders of Congress, and the Supreme Court, that they

will work for justice, freedom, and peace.

And for those who serve on behalf of our civic life:

People We thank you, living God.

Intercessor For those who have died, especially ... For all who have gone before us, for all who walk

beside us, and for all children who are precious to us and to you:

People We thank you, living God.

Intercessor And for the great wisdom and hope that you reveal to us through Jesus, our leader, example,

teacher, liberator, and friend:

People We thank you, living God.

#### **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

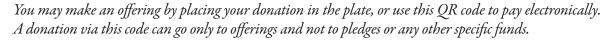
*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION





# **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

O God, thou art my God

Henry Purcell (c. 1659–1695)

Sung by the choir.

O God, thou art my God:

early will I seek thee.

My soul thirsteth for thee,

my flesh also longeth after thee

in a barren and dry land where no water is.

Thus have I looked for thee in holiness.

that I might behold thy power and glory.

For thy loving kindness is better than life itself:

my lips shall praise thee.

As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner

and lift up my hands in thy Name.

Because thou hast been my helper,

therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

Hallelujah.

-Psalm 63:1-5, 8

#### **HYMN 636**

Sung by all, standing as you are able.



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).

# 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

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:





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.

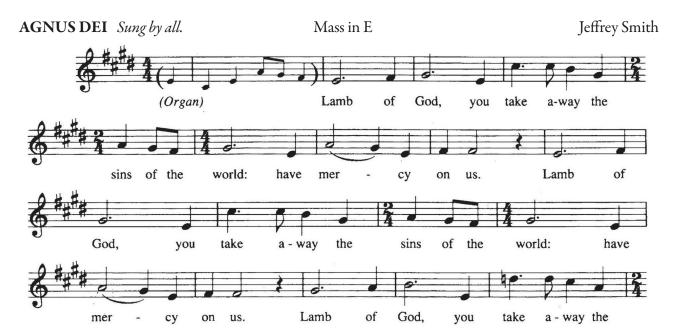
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

#### 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





#### **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. Os justi Anton Bruckner (1824–1896)

Os justi meditabitur sapientiam, et lingua ejus loquetur judicium. Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius: et non supplantabuntur gressus ejus. Alleluia.

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just. The law of his God is in his heart; and his steps will not be impeded. Alleluia.

-Psalm 37:30-31

At 11 a.m.

Verleih uns Frieden

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

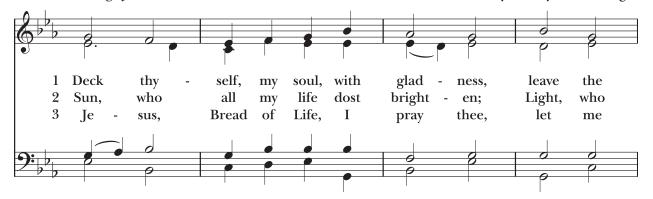
Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich, Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten. Es ist doch ja kein andrer nicht, der für uns könnte streiten, denn du, unser Gott, alleine.

Graciously grant us peace, Lord God, in our time; there is no one else who could fight for us except you, our God, alone.

-Martin Luther (1483-1546)

# HYMN 339 Sung by all, seated.

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness





Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Schmücke dich*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

#### 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

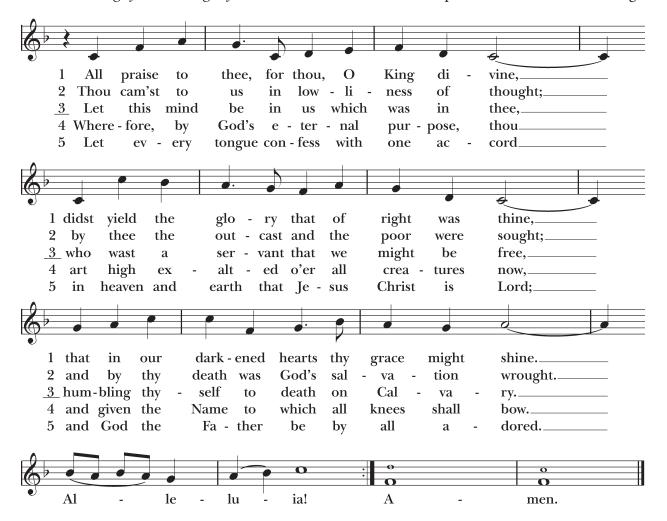
On behalf of God and St. John's Church, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those whom you will visit may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. **Amen.** 

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

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine



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# THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**VOLUNTARY** 

Fugue in G major

Johann Schneider (1702–1788)

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

and in memory of John H. More.

# ASSISTING AT THE 9 A.M. SERVICE

Rachel Pepper, Crucifer \* Jack Reiffer, Chalice Bearer

Robyne Johnston, Assistant Head Usher \* Martha Ellison and Anne Stewart, Ushers

Eleanor Odom and Peter Odom, Greeters

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle, Flower Guild

# ASSISTING AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE

Anya Kleymenova, Crucifer → Cooper Thesmar and Gus Tierney, Acolytes

Laurie Adams Chalice Bearer

Hap Rigby, Assistant Head Usher

Linda Chen, Doug Estes, Livy More, and Randall Roe, Ushers

Desirée Stolar and Sarah Wood, Greeters

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle, Flower Guild

Jeremy Sheeler, 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.

# 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 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 October 19

# TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

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

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)
 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\*

Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor)

Parish Lunch (Parish House; see next column)

Church Tour (see next column)

Federal Workers Support Group (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: L Street, NW; Plymouth Street, NW; and Rhode Island Avenue, NW.

# PLEASE JOIN OUR ONLINE DIRECTORY Stop by the reception desk in the Parish House today

Help St. John's connect with you—and you with St. John's—by signing up to join our online parish directory. Come to the reception desk after the 9 and 11 a.m. services to learn more and opt in to this helpful online community tool.

# PARISH LUNCH | Today at noon Hosted by Susan Cardwell & Debby Hailey

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

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. If you are interested in an in-person tour of St. John's Church, meet at the front of the church near the baptismal font after the 11 a.m. service. Today's guide is Richard Price.

# FEDERAL WORKERS SUPPORT GROUP Today at noon

Clergy and lay leaders will hold space for federal workers and others affected by recent changes to their work environment to offer support during this time of loss and uncertainty. We seek to provide fellowship and support while we engage the depth and strength of our faith, making sure no one goes through this alone. Participants may fix a plate at our parish lunch and then convene downstairs in the dining room.

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

# SERVICE SCHEDULE

October 20-26

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. Eric Bailey, 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, October 20

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

# Tuesday, October 21

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

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

# Wednesday, October 22

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

#### Thursday, October 23

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Lafayette Fellowship (see below)

7 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, October 24

8 p.m. Ghost Tour (see next column)

#### LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP

#### Thursday, October 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Please join the Lafayette Fellowship for our fall kick-off dinner. We will gather in Togo West Parlor for food, drink and conversation. The Lafayette Fellowship is a group of adults (all those who have aged out of Latrobe Fellowship) looking for community. Our events offer time and space to build friendships, expand our hearts and minds, and have fun. We look forward to welcoming new and returning members! For planning purposes, RSVP to Hilary West via the online Ministry Directory as you are able.

# GHOST TOUR FOR ST. JOHN'S YOUTH Friday, October 24, at 8 p.m.

St. John's Youth Group will be meeting in front of the Dolley Madison House for an engaging walking tour of haunted buildings in our neighborhood, known as Tragedy Square. Perfect for history buffs and thrill-seekers alike, the walking tour lasts approximately 90 minutes. Please contact the Rev. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab of our website to get your tickets before they're sold out.

# **COMING UP**

#### **ACOLYTE TRAINING**

Sunday, October 26, at 10 a.m.

Youth Group will not meet for regular programming on October 26. Instead, youth in sixth grade and above are invited to gather in the sanctuary to learn about the acolytes ministry. Acolytes assist with 11 a.m. worship by serving as torch bearers or crucifers and by helping set the altar for communion. This is an opportunity to be more directly involved in worship, learn more about the church's traditions, and work alongside friends to serve together on Sunday mornings. No experience needed! Contact Vincent Scauzzo via our online Ministry Directory with questions.

# REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Deadline for All Saints' and All Souls' submissions: Monday, October 27

Names of those who have died since November 1, 2024, will be listed in our All Saints' service bulletins on November 2 and read aloud during the All Souls' requiem that evening at 5:30 p.m. If you would like a name to be included in this remembrance, please complete our online form at bit.ly/ sjc-necrology-2025. The deadline for submitting names is Monday, October 27.

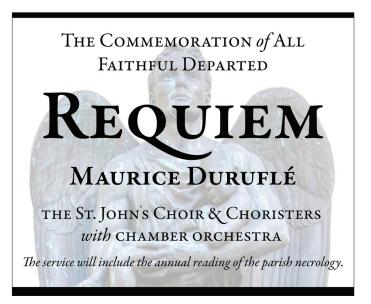
#### **CHORAL EVENSONG**

Wednesday, October 29, at 5:30 p.m.

Sung by the St. John's Choir, Parish Choir, and Choristers

Steeped in the beauty of the Anglican tradition, Evensong meets us at the even point between the active day and the restful night. Evensong is sung by the St. John's Choir and Choristers on the last Wednesday of most months from September through May, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and followed by a reception in Togo West Parlor. Parking validation is available in the Colonial parking garage at

818 Connecticut Avenue, NW; obtain a validation ticket from an usher before or after the service. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this special offering. The service will also be available via livestream on our website.



# ANNUAL REQUIEM EUCHARIST FOR ALL SOULS' DAY

Sunday, November 2, at 5:30 p.m.

Join us as we remember and commend to God all the faithful departed at our annual Requiem Eucharist for All Souls' Day. The St. John's Choir and Choristers, joined by chamber orchestra and organ, will offer Maurice Duruflé's moving Requiem in the context of the liturgy. During the service, we will read the names of parish members and friends who have died in the past year. A reception will follow in the Togo West Parlor. Complimentary parking is available in the Colonial Garage at 818 Connecticut Avenue, NW; validation tickets may be obtained from an usher before or after the service. The service will also be livestreamed on our website.

# LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP Wednesday, November 5, at 6:30 p.m.

Please join us on the evening of November 5 for silent prayer followed by a brief discussion on the role of contemplative worship in the life of the Church. We will then gather for food and fellowship. 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. For more information, contact the Rev. Eric Bailey, our minister for youth and young adults, via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

# ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP Thursday, November 6, at 7 p.m.

Join us via Zoom to discuss *Klara* and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro. This imaginative science fiction story, set in the U.S. in an unspecified future, tells the story of Josie, a sickly child, and her companion Klara, a solar-powered



Artificial Friend. The novel reminds us of how beautiful humanity can be. The book group typically meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information and the link, contact us via the directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.



# PUT YOUR COMPASSION INTO ACTION: SAMARITAN MINISTRY'S GALA 2025 Saturday, November 8, 3–6 p.m.

Feeling helpless to make a difference? Here are two easy ways to support Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington's fall fundraising campaign: (1) Visit bit.ly/ SamaritanGala25Donations to make a contribution in any amount to help local residents who are especially vulnerable to the economic pressures now sweeping our region. (2) Purchase a ticket to attend the gala in person on Saturday, November 8, from 3 to 6 p.m., at the beautiful St. Paul's Center in Northwest DC. Enjoy delicious passed hors d'oeuvres as well as seasonal mocktails, wine, and beer from Mindy's Catering, live jazz music, Samaritan's inspirational annual awards, and exciting silent and live auctions, all benefiting Samaritan's transformational work with those most in need in our community. For tickets and information, visit bit.ly/SamaritanGala2025 or contact Sarah Wood via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org/ connect/directory.

#### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Saturday, November 8, 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 3, to bit.ly/sjc-pno. Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via our website.

#### **GRACE'S TABLE**

Third Saturdays, from 10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m. *Upcoming dates: November 15 and December 20* 

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.

# **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.



October 26: 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.



November 9: Stephen I. Vladeck, constitutional law expert and a professor at Georgetown Law School, will speak about the past and current Supreme Court terms.



December 7: The Rev. Richard A. Burnett, General Secretary of the Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion (CUAC), will share about the work of this institution.

# **NEWS & NOTICES**

# PLEASE MAKE A 2026 PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

As of Tuesday, October 14, we had received 77 pledges for the year 2026, totaling commitments of \$388,394.

Your 2026 pledge is a commitment of financial support to St. John's for the upcoming year. It can be a one-time annual payment, or it can be paid weekly, monthly, or on the schedule of your choosing. Pledges enable us to plan for the work we will undertake in the mission and ministry of St. John's in 2026. You can make your pledge online on our website (stjohns-dc.org/give/pledge) or by returning a pledge card either by mail to the church office or by placing it in the offering plate on Sunday. Thank you for your financial commitment to our parish!

—Caroline Faris, Chair of the Stewardship Committee



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

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

Sunday, January 11, 2026, at 11 a.m.

Class: Saturday, January 10, at 10 a.m.

Sunday, February 15, at 9 a.m.

Class: Saturday, February 14, at 10 a.m.

# PARISH LUNCH SCHEDULE AND HOSTS Most Sundays after the 11 a.m. service

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 a future date? Contact Parish Lunch coordinator Holly Sukenik at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

October 19 October 26	Susan Cardwell & Debby Hailey
	No Lunch: Marine Corps Marathon
November 2	The Sisters at St. John's
November 9	Elizabeth & Greg Morrison and
	Tony & TL Anikeeff
November 16	New Members Reception: All invited!
November 23	Pre-Thanksgiving Lunch
November 30	No Lunch: Thanksgiving Weekend
December 7	Stewardship Committee
December 14	Lafayette Fellowship
December 21	No Lunch
December 28	No Lunch

# FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

#### **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.

#### **CHILDREN'S CHAPEL**

# Sundays during the sermon at 9 and 11 a.m. worship

Kids from birth through grade 5 are invited to participate in a special liturgy just for them during the sermon at 9 and 11 a.m. services. Children 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.

# CHORISTER PROGRAM, September through May

We offer a choir for children and youth with unchanged (treble) voices. Through a custom-made curriculum, singers receive training in sight reading, vocal production, music theory, liturgy, and leadership, and become part of a vibrant community of music makers. To learn more or express interest, contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

#### CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

# Sundays, 10-10:50 a.m., from September through May

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., from September through May

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. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

# **REMINDERS**

#### 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 and return it either to the offering plate or to Sharlyne "Charley" Griffin in the Parish Office.

# ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10 a.m.

This group gathers most Sunday mornings, using a hybrid approach, with some joining via Zoom and others in person. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. For information, notes, and the Zoom link, contact Jack Reiffer via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

#### 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.

# 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.



#### 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.



# JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP

Explore our many ministry groups at www.stjohns-dc.org, and contact the leaders via our online Ministry Directory for details or to sign up.

# 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: Margo Arnold, Sydney Brooks, Craig Burkhardt, Hyman Field, Christina Wilson, and Mary Wilson. Friends and family of our parish: Conor Barry (Sarah Wood), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Robert Bliss (Katherine Bliss and Mark Dennis), Gisela Block (Sigi Block), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Walt Eccard (Margaret Depue), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Sue Edmonds (Sarah and Jeff Agnew), Julie Ellis (Preston Cherouny), Laurie Feldon (Eleanor and Peter Odom), Bob and Heather Gilbert (Andrea Winchell), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Sean Josey (Bill and Sara Josey), 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), Paul Peralta (Debby Hailey), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Norm Phillips (Susan Cardwell), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), 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), Jim Wardrop (Jack Reiffer), Caleb Williams (Alfred Thesmar), Darrel Williams (Caleb and James Hays-Reilly), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), Andrew Woods (Johnathan Miller), Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart), and Judith York (Caroline Fisher).

# THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

From our parish: Eve Atkeson, Milton Chamberlain, Marcella Odom, and Becky Schergens.

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

#### THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

Friends and family of our parish: Wilma Daubs (Kay Gilley), Henry Farrington (Wendy J. Fibison), and Mark Hallett (Livy More).

#### THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Carly Connell, Patricia Dalby, Lauren Edwards, Rob Fisher, Hunter Johnston, Chip Lyerly, Eleanor Odom, Natachi Onwuamaegbu, and Chase Woodley.

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#### THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

Doug and Margo Arnold, Tony Anikeeff and Tung-lin Wu, Ray and Susan Petniunas, Beverly Roberts and Kim Kennedy, and Nicole and Stephen Crochet.

#### THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

Friends and family of our parish: Janie Abernethy (Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy), Philip L. Faris (Caroline and Steve Faris), and Charles Lewis, Jr. (Charles Lewis, Sr.).

# LIST OF 2026 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 2026:

(As of October 14, 2025)

Anonymous (4) Kingsley Afemikhe Douglas & Margo Arnold

Gale Arnold Robert Beizer Murray J. Belman

William & Martha Birdseye

Diane Bitsberger

Marion Blakey & Bill Dooley Paul Bledsoe & Celia Boddington Matthew Bode & Laurie Adams Meghan & Douglas Burt

Virginia Chew

Brian & Kevin Cordova-Brookey Nicole & Stephen Crochet

Betsy Danello

Clayton & Margaret Depue Mike & Beth DuMond

**Janet Edmond** Kaye Edwards Rob & Anna Ehrich Martha Ellison

Clark Ervin & Carolyn Harris

Hyman Field Elizabeth Gallalee Kay Gilley

Richard & Jeanne Grimmett Stephanie & Greg Guyett Sandra Hackworth Deborah Hailey

Budd & Susan Jess Hallberg Robert & Anne Harrington

Diane Hauslein

Caleb Hays & James Reilly Bruce & Georgia Johnson

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Lydia & Ralph Olson

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Susan & Sandy Sierck Will & Annie Simonds

Alex Smith

Toby Stock & Margy Slattery Holly & John Sukenik Marianne Thomas Ryan Wagner

Alis Wang & Amy Stulman

Emma Wilson William Yale Zhijun Yang

# **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**

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

# Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, Rector
The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell, Associate Rector
for Family Ministry and Pastoral Care
The Rev. Eric Bailey, Assistant Priest for Parish Life
and New Member Ministry
The Rev. William Morris, Assisting Priest
for Engaging Local Communities
Brent Erstad, Director of Music and Organist
Linda Morgan Stowe and John Chappell Stowe,
Interim Assistant Organists

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

#### 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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