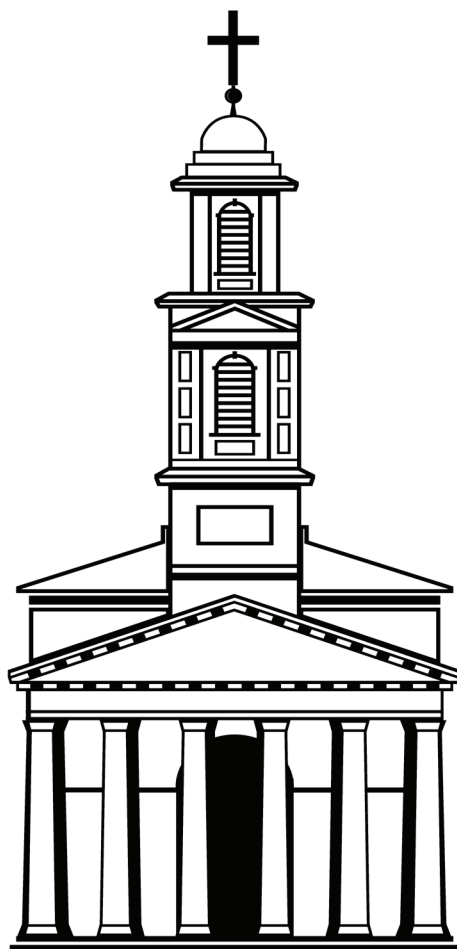


THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 11, 2025 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 9 and 11 a.m.



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.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD,
and in celebration of the marriage yesterday of Marianne Spencer and Armando Rojas.

ASSISTING AT THE 9 A.M. SERVICE

Mike DuMond, *Crucifer* ♦ Jack Reiffer and Annie Simonds, *Chalice Bearers*
Matt Bode, *Assistant Head Usher* ♦ Fruzsina Harsanyi and Julia Koster, *Ushers*
Eleanor Odom and Peter Odom, *Greeters*
Paul Barkett and Anne Harrington, *Flower Guild*

ASSISTING AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE

Matt Bode, *Crucifer* ♦ Walt Ehrich and Powe Rigby, *Acolytes*
Laurie Adams and Joanne Hutton, *Chalice Bearers*
Jeff Agnew, *Assistant Head Usher*
Doug Estes, Livy More, and Bill Wright, *Ushers*
John Lucio and Marty Williams, *Greeters*
Paul Barkett and Anne Harrington, *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.**

VOLUNTARY

Larghetto-Andante, from *Concerto in G minor*

G. F. Handel (1685–1759)

HYMN 645

The King of love my shepherd is

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



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

THE WORD OF GOD

Please remain standing as you are able.

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.**

GLORIA (S-278) *Sung by all.*

William Mathias (1934–1992)

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-43

Please be seated.

9 a.m. Read by Hilary West.

11 a.m. Read by Elena Braithwaite-Williams.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

9 a.m. Led by Frank Klotz, said responsively by half verse.

11 a.m. Chanted by the choir; setting by Henry Walford Davies (1869–1941).

The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

(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 708

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

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

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
 2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
 learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
 with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt. Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody, from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Following the Gospel, all sing stanza 2 of the gradual hymn.

THE SERMON

The Rev. William Morris

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 David Trebing.

Kneeling or standing as you are able.

11 a.m. Led by Joanne Hutton.

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the communities of St. John's and our companion relationships with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa* and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Thurgood Marshall. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; and Mariann, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. For Donald, our President, and for the leaders of Congress, the Supreme Court, and all who are in authority. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon 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.

RECOGNITIONS

The 9 a.m. service continues with the offertory anthem on the next page. At 11 a.m., the congregation may be seated for the recognitions. Those being recognized are invited to gather at the foot of the stairs in the front of the church.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY GRADUATES

Priest Beloved in Christ, we are all baptized by the Holy Spirit into one Body and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. We are called to develop these gifts in programs like Education for Ministry and use our gifts to continue to live out our Baptismal Covenant.

Mentor I present to you Fruzsina Harsanyi, Sara McGanity, and Jeremy Skog, who have completed the four-year program of theological education for ministry of the University of the South.

Priest Are they prepared to continue to discover ways to carry out God's work of reconciliation in the world?

Mentor They are.

Priest Fruzsina, Sara, and Jeremy, will you continue to develop your gifts and learn about God and God's people; and walk in the Way of Love faithfully and with unending curiosity; and seek to honor God in your own life and in your ministry to all God's people?

Graduates We will.

Mentor Fruzsina, Sara, and Jeremy, I present this graduation certificate from the School of Theology of the University of the South to you, as you have faithfully studied, participated in, and completed this curriculum of study. You have brought yourselves with open minds and hearts to hear, learn, and embody the teachings you have absorbed. Your presence has been a blessing to everyone in our group.

Priest May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you so that, in this and in all things, you may do God's will in furthering God's Kingdom, in serving God, and in leading others into a deeper commitment to their baptismal vows. **Amen.**

GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

2025 High School Graduates: Walker Perry Crochet, Zoe Kalea Fisher, and John Peterson Cavert Morrison.

May God give you grace never to sell yourself short, grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember the world is now too dangerous for anything but the truth and too small for anything but love. **Amen.**

—A blessing by the Rev. William Sloane Coffin (1924–2006)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Little lamb, who made thee?

William Bradley Roberts (b. 1947)

Sung by the choir.

Little lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life and bid thee feed by the stream and o'er the mead;
gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing, woolly bright;
gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice.
Little lamb who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?

Little lamb, I'll tell thee; little lamb, I'll tell thee.
He is called by thy name, for he calls himself a lamb.
He is meek and he is mild; he became a little child.
I a child and thou a lamb; we are called by his name.
Little lamb, God bless thee; little lamb God bless thee.

—William Blake (1757–1827)

HYMN 664

My Shepherd will supply my need

Sung by all, standing as you are able.

1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me

is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
 is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
 all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be

makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.____
 port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.____
 mine a - bode and all my work be praise.____

He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
 There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers

sake his ways, and leads me, for his
ta - ble spread; my cup with bless - ings
go and come; no more a stran - ger

mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.
or a guest, but like a child at home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23. Music: *Resignation*, American folk melody, acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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:

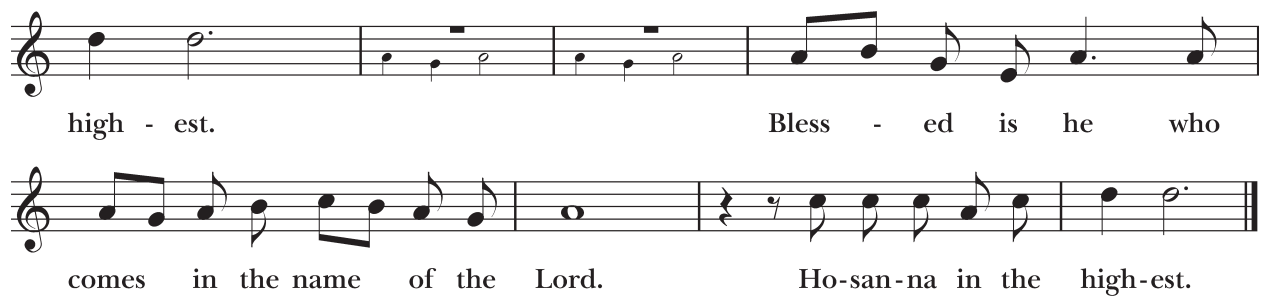
SANCTUS (S-128) *Sung by all.*

William Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the



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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

People **We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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-164)

Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828)

Sung by all.

arr. Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves, treble and bass, in the key of D major. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second system of the musical score consists of two staves, treble and bass, in the key of D major. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

The third system of the musical score consists of two staves, treble and bass, in the key of D major. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves.

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The fourth system of the musical score consists of two staves, treble and bass, in the key of D major. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves.

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.

These are they which follow the Lamb

John Goss (1800–1880)

These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.

These were redeemed from among men,
being the first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb.

And in their mouth was found no guile,
for they are without fault before the throne of God.

—Revelation 14:4-5

At 11 a.m.

Surrexit pastor bonus

Orlando di Lasso (1532–1594)

*Surrexit pastor bonus,
qui animam suam posuit pro ovibus suis
et pro grege suo mori dignatus est. Alleluia.*

The good Shepherd has risen
who laid down his life for his sheep,
who, for his flock, deigned to die. Alleluia.

—Matins Responsory for Easter Monday

HYMN 343 *Sung by all, seated.*

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
 wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: *St. Agnes*, melody John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876); harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937), after John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876) Copyright ©1985, G.I.A. Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

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 523

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Sung by all, standing as you are able.

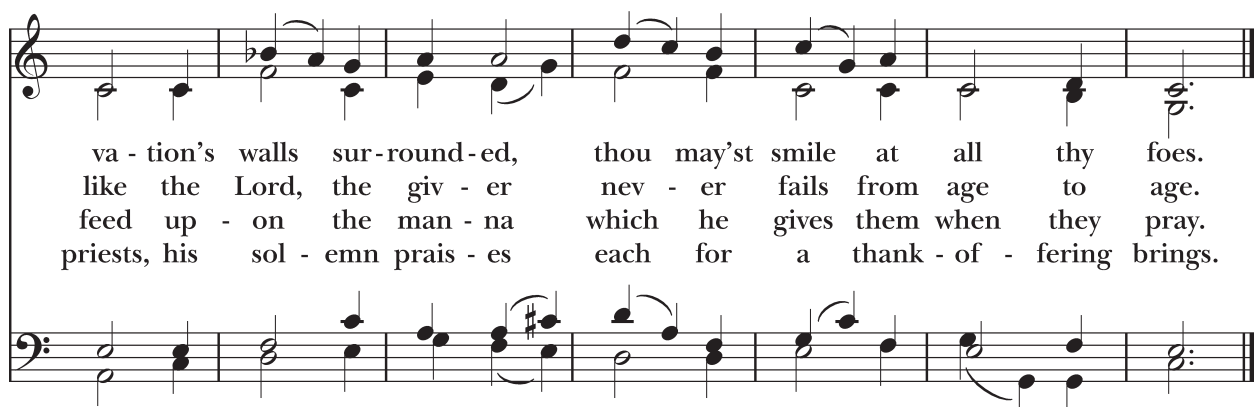


1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be bro - ken
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - ering,
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly on,

formed thee for his own a - bode; on the Rock of A - ges
 and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, when such a
 show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their
 makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his peo - ple

found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose? With sal -
 riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,
 ban - ner, light by night, and shade by day, safe they
 rais - es o - ver self to reign as kings: and as



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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY

Allegro, from *Concerto in G minor*

Wilhelmina von Bayreuth
(1709–1758)

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 May 11

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Will Morris
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. Will Morris
- 10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor)
Speaker Series (Togo West Parlor; see page 3)
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. Will Morris
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor)
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: Burdette Road, Bethesda; C Street, SE; and Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, Virginia.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY GRADUATION

Today during 11 a.m. worship

During worship at 11 a.m. today, we recognize three St. John's members who are graduating from the Education for Ministry (EfM) program. Now in its 50th year, EfM is a unique four-year, small-group formation program based on study and practice in theological reflection. Since its founding, this international program has helped more than 120,000 participants discover and nurture a call to Christian service where they live, work, and play. EfM helps the faithful discover the Christian tradition, bringing it into conversation with their experiences of the world.

To learn about EfM, visit theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry. Many EfM groups exist within the Diocese of Washington, some in person, others online. To connect with a group, contact the Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab of our website.



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 Busch.

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

2025 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Walker Crochet is a senior at Alexandria City High School. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John's, and he has been an acolyte for the past five years, as well as an active member in the youth group. One of his favorite memories is the youth lock-in during his sophomore year. Walker has enjoyed the friendships and community at St. John's. He will be attending Dickinson College in the fall and will run on their cross-country and track team.



Zoe Fisher moved to DC from the Central Coast of California just before starting 7th grade. She navigated Alice Deal Middle School in the midst of a pandemic, and held multiple leadership roles in high school at the School Without Walls.

Throughout, Zoe treasured the continuity and grounding provided by St. John's youth group and the chance to pray in the pews on Sundays. Her travels with St. John's to Israel-Palestine and South Africa were life-changing. Zoe graduates this June with accomplishments including the successful passage of historic environmental legislation by the DC State Board of Education, earning the Eagle Scout rank, completing a self-directed study on what modern-day activists can learn from Desmond Tutu, and developing into an accomplished Ultimate Frisbee player while maintaining an excellent academic record. In the fall, she will major jointly in Society & Environment and Philosophy at University of California, Berkeley.



John Peterson Cavert Morrison is a senior at Washington Liberty High School in Arlington. He will probably attend George Mason University. Baptized at St. John's, he was an occasional volunteer at Grace's Table.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 12 through May 18

Monday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Tuesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Wednesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Thursday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Friday—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

Sunday—The Rev. Rob Fisher, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Children's Chapel

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, May 12

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

Tuesday, May 13

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

6 p.m. Lafayette Fellowship (see below)

Wednesday, May 14

4:30 p.m. Advanced Choristers Rehearsal

Thursday, May 15

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsals

7 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 17

10:30 a.m. Grace's Table (see next page)

4 p.m. Youth Lock-in (see next page)

LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP: Tuesday, May 13

Evening Prayer at 6 p.m. | Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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. This month, seminarian Caroline Mazzocchi will offer Evening Prayer in St. John's chapel,

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after which we will convene for dinner at Blackfinn DC (1620 I Street, NW; www.blackfinndc.com). Come enjoy a night of social interaction with new and current friends of St. John's, good food and vibes, all within walking distance of our beloved church. Each attendee is encouraged to donate \$25 to offset the cost of the event. RSVP at bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events, and contact Hilary West via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org with questions.

GRACE'S TABLE

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

Upcoming Dates: May 17 and June 21

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.

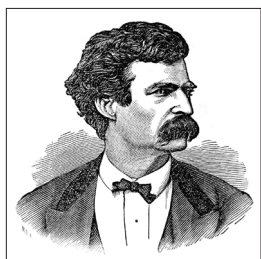
YOUTH LOCK-IN

Saturday, May 17, at 4 p.m.

All middle and high-schoolers are invited to spend the night at St. John's—a safe, fun event designed for youth to play games, eat snacks, make communion bread, and prepare the Sunday parish lunch! Youth are welcome to invite their friends. RSVP at bit.ly/sjc-youth-event-51725. Questions? Contact the Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

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.



May 11: John Muller, author and historian, will regale us with a fascinating account of Mark Twain's time in Washington, DC, and how the capital city has, and has not, changed since those long-ago days.



May 18: Dr. Angelina Arrington, head of the Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys, will update us on the state of the school. Dr. Arrington has served educational communities in a variety of roles, and has played an integral part in strategic planning initiatives, fundraising campaigns, grant-writing efforts, and school accreditations.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CHORAL EVENSONG

Wednesday, May 21, at 5:30 p.m.

The St. John's Choir and Choristers sing Evensong on the third Wednesday of most months from September through May, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and followed by a reception in Togo West Parlor. Validated parking is available in the Colonial parking garage at 818 Connecticut Avenue, NW. Ask an usher for a validation ticket before or after the service. The service will also be available via livestream.

PRIDE CONCERT AT ST. JOHN'S

Tuesday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m.

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of Capital Pride, our city is the host for this year's celebration of World Pride, with events scheduled from May 17 through June 8. Of special interest is the 16-day choral festival, which will include a concert at St. John's. Our church is a proud Partner in Harmony of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC. We look forward to hosting one of their performances, a 90-minute free concert that will include two of GMCW's ensembles, Rock Creek Singers and Seasons of Love, as well as Major Minors, a youth chorus from Nashville. More can be found at worldpridedc.org/events/choral-festival.

CELEBRATE PRIDE WITH ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, June 1, and Saturday, June 7

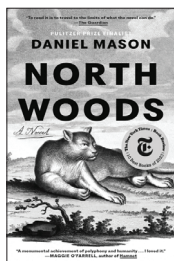
On Sunday, June 1, services will feature acknowledgments of Pride and the essential blessings of LGBTQIA+ siblings to the Body of Christ. Our St. John's Pride group will host Parish Lunch at noon. **On Saturday, June 7**, St. John's Pride will join the official diocesan contingent to march in the Capital Pride Parade. Allies and those who identify as LGBTQIA+ are welcome to march with us. Please stay tuned for more specifics about when and where to meet.

Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab of our website. Interested in learning about our LGBTQIA+ community and allies? Contact leaders Brian Cordova-Brookey and John Schutz via the Ministry Directory on our website.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

Thursday, June 5, at 7 p.m.

Please join us via Zoom to discuss *North Woods: A Novel* by Daniel Mason. A humble cabin in the New England woods becomes the home of an extraordinary succession of human and nonhuman characters alike over decades. 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.



SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH

Most Sundays after the 11 a.m. service

Sunday 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.

We offer thanks to the many individuals, families, groups, and parish ministries who have hosted a parish lunch during this program year. The remaining schedule is:

May 11	No Lunch: Mothers Day
May 18	Youth Group
May 25	No Lunch: Memorial Day Weekend
June 1	St. John's Pride
June 8	Pentecost Party

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY



GIVING OR RECEIVING SUPPORT

Many in our parish have livelihoods that are closely linked to the federal government. We have created a simple survey to learn what type of support might be helpful to them in this tumultuous time, and also what gifts, talents, and ideas our own parishioners have for offering help. You can access the survey at bit.ly/sjc-assistance-survey. It is designed for both those needing support and those wanting to offer it. For more information about this effort, read Rob's letter to the parish, which you can find at bit.ly/sjc-helping-2025.



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, 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.

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.

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

Most 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

Most 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.

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.

REMINDERS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10 a.m. | May 18: Final meeting of the season

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.

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, and contact the leaders via our online Ministry Directory for details or to sign up.

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

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.

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, Hyman Field, and David Springer.

Friends and family of our parish: Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), 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), Bob and Heather Gilbert (Andrea Winchell), 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), Teri Nelson (Lisa Koehler), Lisa Nestor (Sarah Wood), Patrick Christopher O'Donnell (Wendy J. Fibison), 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), 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), Reuben Varghese (Krista and Larry Bradley), Darrel Williams (Caleb and James Hays-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, Barney Malloy, Marcella Odom, Becky Schergens, and Paul Van Nice.

Friends and family of our parish: David Brown (Lisa Koehler), 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: Henry Farrington (Wendy J. Fibison).

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

From our parish: Nancy Martin (April 30).

Friends and family of our parish: Janet Fischer, April 21 (Ann Gardner), and Ian Paton, May 3 (Frances Tyler).

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Sarah Agnew, Audrey Anikeeff, Aimee Azzarello, Stephanie Bode, Isabel Dennis, Allison Eydt, Philip Faris, Eric Generous, Anna Carroll Hallett, Whitley Herndon, Fran Keithley, Brad Kosegarten, Marcus Lemon, George Miller, Kristian Robischon, Alex Stolar, Tim Stuart, and Hilary West.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

Katherine and Michael Aschieris, Kelly and Matt Hallett, Katherine and Patrick Hanniford, Peter and Summer Hardinge, and Kate and K.C. Foreman.

THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

Friends and family of our parish: Janie Abernethy (Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy) 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) 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*

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Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

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The Rev. William Morris, *Assisting Priest*
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Lyn Loewi, *Associate Organist*

The Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey, *Minister for Youth and*
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Assistant Sextons

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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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