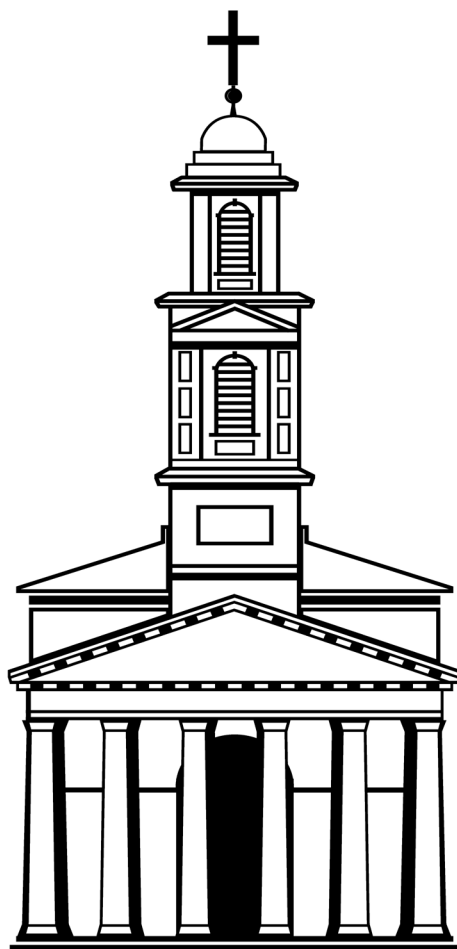


THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2026 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 10:30 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 10 a.m. to noon on the second floor of the Parish House.

Prayer cards are provided at the entrance of the church. You are invited to write your prayers and place them in the collection plate. Your prayers will be blessed and will be prayed for by a priest during the week.

Please refrain from taking photos and videos during services.

VOLUNTARY

Intermezzo from *Pastoral Sonata*

Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)

HYMN 410

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

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

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

THE WORD OF GOD

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA (S-280) *Sung by all.*

Robert Powell (1932–2025)

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



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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

1 Kings 3:5-12

Please be seated.

Read by Riley Temple.

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:129-136

Led by Richard Greene, said responsively by half verse.

Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.

I open my mouth and pant; *

I long for your commandments.

Turn to me in mercy, *

as you always do to those who love your Name.

Steady my footsteps in your word; *

let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Rescue me from those who oppress me, *

and I will keep your commandments.

Let your countenance shine upon your servant *

and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears, *

because people do not keep your law.

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 615

“Thy kingdom come!” on bended knee

Sung by all, standing as you are able. Stanzas 1 & 3 will be sung before the Gospel, stanzas 4 & 5 after.

1 “Thy king - dom come!” on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;
3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;
4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,
5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;

1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king - dom’s day.
3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near:
4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;
5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929). Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

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

Another parable Jesus put before the crowds: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Following the Gospel, all sing stanzas 4 & 5 of the gradual hymn.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jack Reiffer

The Rev. Jack Reiffer is a member at St. John's and leads the Pastoral Care Committee and Adult Bible Study. He was ordained in the Christian Reformed Church before joining the Episcopal Church in 1998.

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

Led by Brian Schoeneman.

Kneeling or standing as you are able.

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence.

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Intercessor For Donald, our President, the leaders of Congress, the Supreme Court, and all who are in authority; for this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, oppression, and war.**

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor For the communities of St. John's and our companion relationships with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa* and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for Church of Our Saviour, Brookland; Church of Our Saviour, Hillandale and Nuestro Salvador; and St. Anne's Church, Damascus. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann, our Bishop; and Eugene, our Assistant Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers.

People **For all who serve God in the Church.**

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation . . . Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life . . . We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor We pray for all who have died . . . , that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Intercessor We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence.

All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

THE PEACE

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

You may make an offering by placing your donation in the plate, or use this QR code to pay electronically. A donation via this code can go only to offerings and not to pledges or any other specific funds.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Cantate Domino

Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612)

Sung by the choir.

Cantate Domino canticum novum cantate Domino omnis terra.

Cantate Domino benedicite nomini eius annuntiate diem de die salutare eius.

Annuntiate inter gentes gloriam eius in omnibus populis mirabilia eius.

O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the whole earth.

Sing unto the LORD, and praise his Name: be telling of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his honor unto the heathen: and his wonders unto all people.

—*Psalm 96:1-3*

HYMN 376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Sung by all, standing as you are able.

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

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.**

Priest God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (S-129) *Sung by all.*

Robert Powell

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

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

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our ancestors in faith; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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-163) *Sung by all.*

Robert Powell

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.



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

Ave verum corpus

Stephanie Martin (b. 1962)

Sung by the choir.

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, fili Mariae, miserere mei. Amen.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side blood flowed: Be for us a foretaste in the trial of death! O sweet, O holy, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

—13th-century eucharistic hymn

HYMN 336 *Sung by all, seated.*

Come with us, O blessed Jesus

1 Come with us, O bless-ed Je-sus, with us ev-er-
 2 Come with us, O might-y Sa-vior, God from God, and
 3 Come with us, O King of glo-ry, by an-gel-ic

more to be; and though leav-ing now thine
 Light from Light; thou art God, thy glo-ry
 voic-es praised; in our hearts as in thy

al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee.
 veil - ing, so that we may bear the sight.
 hea - ven, be en - rap - tured an - them raised.

Be thou one with us for ev - er, in our life thy
 Now we go to seek and serve thee, through our work as
 Let the might - y cho - rus ev - er sing its glad ex -

love di - vine our own flesh and blood has
 through our prayer; grant us light and to see and
 ul - tant songs; let its hymn be heard for

tak - en, and to us thou giv - est thine.
 know thee, in thy peo - ple ev - ery - where.
 ev - er— peace for which cre - a - tion longs.

Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1861-1945) and Charles P. Price (1920-1999). Sts. 2-3, Copyright © 1982, Charles P. Price.
 Music: *Werde munter*, Johann Schop (d. 1665?); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

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

Priest Let us pray.

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

When scheduled, the Priest offers a communion kit to any Lay Eucharistic Minister doing a home visit, saying

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

THE BLESSING

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

HYMN 680 *Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

O God, our help in ages past

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90. Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in C

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

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

ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

Duane Roth, *Guest Organist*
Nathan Lofton, *Guest Choir Director*
Kevin Cordova-Brookey, *Crucifer*
Doug Estes and Sylvia Martin Estes, *Chalice Bearers*
Anthony Pegues, *Assistant Head Usher*
Martha Ellison, Fruzsina Harsanyi, and Karen Zachary, *Ushers*
Peter Odom and Susan Valaskovic, *Greeters*
Ellie Fullerton and Sara Schreiber, *Flower Guild*
Matthew Taylor, *Livestream Technician*

Please help us be good stewards of the environment.

**If you do not wish to take this bulletin home after the service,
you may leave it at the end of the pew as you depart or place it in a blue recycling bin.**

ARE YOU NEW TO ST. JOHN'S?

*Please let us know who you are and how we can best serve you by filling out a "Welcome" card and leaving it in the offering plate or giving it to an usher or greeter. **Free valet parking** is available from 9 a.m. to 1 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 July 26

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

Children's Chapel is offered during the sermon at 10:30 a.m.

Preaching this morning: The Rev. Jack Reiffer

- 8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon
- 9:30 a.m. Summer Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor; see next column)
- 10 a.m. Nursery—available until noon (Parish House Second Floor)
- 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon
- 11:30 a.m. 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 Lynnhurst Drive, Fairfax, VA.

SUMMER CHOIR

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. through Labor Day

Singers of all levels are invited to sing with the Summer Choir, which rehearses each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for the 10:30 a.m. service. **There is absolutely no midweek commitment, and you are welcome to sing for as many or as few Sundays as you are able.** (Signing up is encouraged, when possible, since it is helpful to know in advance what singers and parts are available each week.) Come explore our choral program and get to know members of our adult choirs! Contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website to sign up or learn more.

TOUR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH | Today at 11:30 a.m.

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 10:30 a.m. service. Today's guide is Richard J. Price.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 27 through August 2

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. Will Morris, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

Children's Chapel offered during the sermon at 10:30 a.m.

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, July 27

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

Tuesday, July 28

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

COMING UP

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

Thursday, August 6, at 7 p.m.

The book group is currently on summer hiatus. We will next convene on Thursday, August 6, to share our personal book recommendations. Please come prepared with a few of your favorite titles to share! The book group typically meets via Zoom on 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.

LATROBE FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH

Sunday, August 2 after the 10:30 a.m. service

The Latrobe Fellowship is a vibrant group of young adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. During the summer, we gather for a monthly brunch and other outings, instead of our usual Wednesday evening meetings. On Sunday, August 2, we will meet in the sanctuary around 11:30 a.m. to walk to Blackfinn (1620 I Street, NW)—or you can join us there. For more details or to connect with the group, contact Rev. Eric Bailey via the Connect: Ministry Directory tab on our website.

GRACE'S TABLE

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

Upcoming dates: August 15 and September 19

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

NEWS & NOTICES

OUR RECTOR IS ON SUMMER SABBATICAL

The Rev. Rob Fisher is on sabbatical through August 17. Our clergy, staff, and lay leaders are covering the pastoral, liturgical, and operational needs of the church during his time away.

LAY MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



St. John's is pleased to announce Lauren Goodyear as our new Lay Minister for Children and Families. She will formally start at St. John's in late August, but you might see her singing in the Summer Choir, so please say hello.

A graduate of Yale and the recipient of a full-time fellowship in the teaching of writing from Georgetown University, Lauren has devoted her career to creating a learning space for the moral, spiritual, emotional, and intellectual development of children, as well as engaging with parents to help their children find their place in the community. Since 2016, she has been a fourth-grade homeroom teacher at St. Albans School, and has organized community service programs and activities throughout the city.

Lauren has been an active member of the Church of the Savior (ecumenical) for 36 years and has had ties to several Episcopal churches and schools as a choir member, teacher, and parishioner. She has three adult children and lives in Washington, DC, with her husband and her 99-year-old father-in-law.

We thank search committee chair Debby Hailey and members Alfred Thesmar, Julia Koster, Nicole Crochet, and JD Hague for their diligent and thoughtful efforts.

WALKING WITH THE ENSLAVED

August 15, September 19, October 17, & November 2

Interested parishioners are encouraged to participate in a "Walking with the Enslaved" pilgrimage offered in Richmond on the above summer and fall dates by St. Paul's Episcopal Church and St. Phillip's Episcopal Church. Attendance is capped at 33 for each date. To register and learn more, please visit www.walkingwiththeenslaved.org.



FOR THOSE SEEKING TO BE BAPTIZED

If you are interested in baptism for yourself or for a child, please contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website. Please note that the parents or grandparents of children being baptized must be active, pledging members of St. John's. Adults interested in baptism must also attend an Adult Inquirers' Class, offered twice a year, and be active, pledging participants in the life of the parish. The next dates for baptism and the required pre-baptismal class with the clergy at St. John's are:

Sunday, November 1, at 9 a.m.

Class: Saturday, October 31, at 10 a.m.



FEDERAL WORKERS | Giving or receiving support

Many of our parishioners have been affected by layoffs in the federal government. If you are seeking help—or if you have help to offer—please complete our survey at bit.ly/sjc-federal-survey with the details of what you need or can provide. You can also reach out to Jordan Baugh, our point person for this ministry, via the directory on our website.



ST. JOHN'S SECURES GRANT TO FURTHER SUPPORT KWASA COLLEGE

St. John's is pleased to announce that it has secured a grant to enable Kwasa College (Springs, South Africa) to build two new classrooms to serve its ever-growing primary school. The funding will also allow for the transformation of a little-used house into a musical arts learning center to nurture students' vocal and instrumental music talents.

Kwasa serves 500 children, many from a nearby informal settlement, where children face severe hardship and formidable challenges. Kwasa's mission is to offer a comprehensive learning and nurturing environment as the most powerful tool to break the cycle of poverty. For over 20 years, St. John's has been pleased to partner with Kwasa and to support Kwasa's ministry.

This gift to Kwasa is made possible through support of the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation Fund at the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation. The \$125,000 grant was awarded to St. John's on behalf of Kwasa, in part, due to our long association with and trust in Kwasa and "in recognition of the many contributions that which St. John's has made to provide meaningful assistance and support to society, the arts, and the environment benefiting the communities that we serve, particularly groups who have been historically excluded."

Construction is now underway to ensure the new classrooms will be ready for the new school year in January 2027. St. John's particularly thanks Abbott McCartney for his steadfast efforts in support of Kwasa.

SAMARITAN MINISTRY

Make this your summer of impact!

As high unemployment and rising living costs continue to grip the DMV, Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington is seeking your support for its 40th Anniversary Summer of Impact Campaign, which will fund the uniquely loving and personalized Next Step counseling and training that Samaritan offers to the region's most vulnerable residents. To learn more, visit www.samaritanministry.org.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE IN 2027



OXFORD, LONDON, AND CANTERBURY

Join us on tour in England | August 18–30, 2027

Next summer, the Rector and choirs of St. John's invite you to join a parish pilgrimage to the historic heart of the Anglican Communion: from Oxford and London to Canterbury, the ancient see from which our tradition has spread throughout the world.

During the journey, the choirs of St. John's will offer Choral Evensong at three of England's great cathedral churches: Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford; Southwark Cathedral, London; and Canterbury Cathedral, where the choir will serve a week-long residency. In each place, our worship will take part in the centuries-old rhythm of daily prayer that continues to shape Anglican life and spirituality today.

You are invited along as we encounter the theological, intellectual, and artistic inheritance of our tradition through worship, architecture, music, and reflection in some of the most significant places in Anglican history. Those interested are encouraged to contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NURSERY CARE | Sundays, 10 a.m. to noon

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 10:30 a.m. worship

Most Sundays, kids from birth through grade 5 are invited to participate in a special liturgy just for them during the sermon at the 10:30 a.m. service. 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. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

RESUMING AFTER LABOR DAY

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

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

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

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

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.

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.



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.

LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

The weekly 10:30 a.m. Sunday service is broadcast on our website and available for replay, as are evensongs and occasional other special services and events.

SECURITY MEASURES AT ST. JOHN'S

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

ADULT BIBLE STUDY | Resuming in September

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

PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

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

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

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING, OR GRIEVING

From our parish: Glen Bootay, Stevan Johnson, and Jim Mullins.

Friends and family of our parish: Olivia Beckett (Justin Dean), Robert Bliss (Katherine Bliss and Mark Dennis), Chad (Wendy Fibison), Paul Colloton (Jack Reiffer), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), William and Jane Dennis (Katherine Bliss and Mark Dennis), Ann Dilworth (Sydney Brooks), Walt Eccard (Margaret Depue), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Laurie Feldon (Eleanor and Peter Odom), David Ferriero (Fruzsina Harsanyi), Bob and Heather Gilbert (Andrea Winchell), Chantay Griffin (Charley Griffin and Gee Gee Bryant), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), Jane Lee (Claire Kim and Jess Unger), Laura Lynch (Wendy Fibison), Anne Lynch (Wendy Fibison), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Mike (Susan Cardwell), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Mark Mousouris (Chris Northrop), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Susan Price (Richard Price), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Anne Shepherd (Jim Shepherd), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner),

Ashley M. Smith (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Elena Sukenik (Holly Sukenik), Sunil (Susan Cardwell), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), Wendy Willett (Meg Carter and Doug Arnold), Caleb Williams (Alfred Thesmar), Darrel Williams (Caleb and James Hays-Reilly), Bess Williamson (Wendy Fibison), Andrew Woods (Johnathan Miller), and Judith York (Caroline Fisher).

THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

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

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

THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

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

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

From our parish: Jane Deland, and Andy McKinnon (July 21)

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Lourdes Arriaga, Kate Benner, Stephanie Delong, Steve Faris, Jamie Finch, Myles Jeffers, Lilian Kosobucki, William Mackey, Allie Raether Ganjian, Nate Rawlings, Laurance Redway, Toby Stock, Isabel Tierney, Becca Brown Todd, Christina Wilson, and Andrea Winchell.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

Amy Stulman and Alis Wang.

THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

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

WELCOME!

At St. John's Church, we believe Christ is calling us to be a renewed church in a changing world. Empowered by the Spirit of God, we respond to Jesus' call as we deepen our bond with Christ through worship, become a community where all are accepted, and work together as laity and clergy to do God's work in the world.

St. John's was organized in 1815 to serve as a parish church for Episcopalians residing in the neighborhoods in the west end of the District of Columbia. Its cornerstone was laid on September 14, 1815, and it was consecrated on December 27, 1816. Beginning with James Madison, every person who has held the office of President of the United States has attended a service at the church. Several Presidents have been communicants. Thus, St. John's is often referred to as the "Church of the Presidents." Pew 54 is the President's Pew. The architect of the church was Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who assisted in the rebuilding of the U.S. Capitol and the White House after the War of 1812. Twenty-five of the stained glass windows in St. John's were designed and executed by artisans of the noted Lorin firm of Chartres, France.

If you are visiting, please fill out the visitor information card found at the end of each pew to enable us to welcome you personally into the life of our parish.

St. John's website (www.stjohns-dc.org) has up-to-date information about the church including the Sunday service schedule, Speaker Series speakers and topics, and newsworthy events.

Vestry Leadership & Members

Alfred Thesmar, *Senior Warden*

Julia Koster, *Junior Warden*

Kate Benner, Brian Cordova-Brookey,

Kaye Edwards, Elizabeth Field,

Debby Hailey, Fruzsina Harsanyi,

Apiyo Oloya, Jack Reiffer, Brian Schoeneman,

Matthew Taylor, Trey Whitworth, and Jess Unger,

Members

Anya Kleymenova, *Treasurer*

Jane Reichard, *Assistant Treasurer*

Will Priest, *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. Eric Bailey, *Assistant Priest for Parish Life
and New Member Ministry*

The Rev. Cn. Maurice Dyer, *Assisting Priest*

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

Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

John Stowe, *Chief Operating Officer*

Charley Griffin, *Parish Administrator*

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.

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