

# THE DAY OF PENTECOST

June 8, 2025 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m.

*With Recognition of Christian Formation Leaders*



## 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.*

## VOLUNTARY

Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott, BWV 651

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

## HYMN 225

Hail thee, festival day!

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

*Refrain*



Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for



ev - er, day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the

*First time only* 2



world with God's grace. grace.



1 Lo, in the like - ness of fire, on those who a -  
3 Hark! for in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his



wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the  
cho - sen a - pos - tles, preach to the

*Repeat Refrain*



Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly, de - scends:  
ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:



2 Forth from the Fa - ther he comes with seven - fold  
4 Praise to the Spi - rit of Life, all praise to the

my - sti - cal of - fering, pou - ring on all hu - man  
fount of our be - ing, light that dost light - en

Repeat Refrain

souls in - fin - ite rich - es of God:  
all, life that in all dost a - bide:

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## 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, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

*Please be seated.*

*Read by Laurel Tierney.*

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages

we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 104:25-35, 37

*Chanted by the choir; setting by James Turle (1802–1882).*

O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.  
Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.  
There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.  
All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.  
You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.  
You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.  
You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.  
May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.  
He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.  
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.  
May these words of mine please him; \* I will rejoice in the LORD.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul. \* Hallelujah!

*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 511

Holy Spirit, ever living

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

1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's  
2 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er work - ing through the Church's

ve - ry life; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er striv - ing  
min - is - try; quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing,

through her in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er  
set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er

form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ; thee we praise with  
bind - ing age to age, and soul to soul, in a fel - low -

end - less wor - ship for thy fruits and gifts un - priced.  
ship un - end - ing thee we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:8-17, 25-27

*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.**

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

*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. Robert W. Fisher

## 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 Ucheora Onwuamaegbu.*

*Kneeling or standing as you are able.*

*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, for St. Columba's Church, DC; St. Columba's Nursery School, DC; St. Barnabas' Church of the Deaf; St. Barnabas' Church, Leeland; and St. Barnabas' Church, Temple Hills. 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.*

## RECOGNITION OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION LEADERS

*Those being recognized are invited to gather at the foot of the stairs in the front of the church.*

*Nursery Caregivers:* Lexie Bernier, Jessica Orteiz-Zavala, and Victoria Phelps.

*Church School Teachers:* Susan Cardwell, Emily Lucio, and Katherine Raab.

*Youth Group Teachers:* Becca Brown and Matthew Taylor.

*Adult Leaders:* Carolyn Crouch (*Education for Ministry*), Clark Ervin (*Speaker Series*), Jack Reiffer (*Bible Study*); and Will Priest and Amy Stulman (*Being With*).

God of all wisdom and knowledge, we gather today to thank you for raising among us stewards of your creation who have used their time and talent to teach and mentor members of our community. We pray that you will continually bless and guide them so that by word and example they may bring others to the knowledge and love of you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## 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

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit

arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)

*Sung by the choir.*

*Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.*

On the mountain, my Lord spoke, out his mouth came fire and smoke.

Down in the valley, on my knees, asked my Lord have mercy please. *Refrain*

Jordan river, chilly and cold, chills the body not the soul.

All around me looked so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine. *Refrain*

Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back.

St. Peter waitin' at the gate, said come on sinner, don't be late. *Refrain*

—*African American spiritual*

# HYMN 516 *Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

Come down, O Love divine

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,  
and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;  
O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place  
and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt. Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

## 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. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. 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

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*

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)

The musical score is written for two systems of vocal staves, each consisting of a treble and a bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the staves.

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

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: 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

Listen, sweet dove

Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

*Sung by the choir.*

Listen, sweet dove, unto my song and spread thy golden wings in me,  
hatching my tender heart so long, till it get wing and flie away with thee.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow, the earth did like a heav'n appeare,  
the starres were coming down to know if they might mend their wages and serve here.

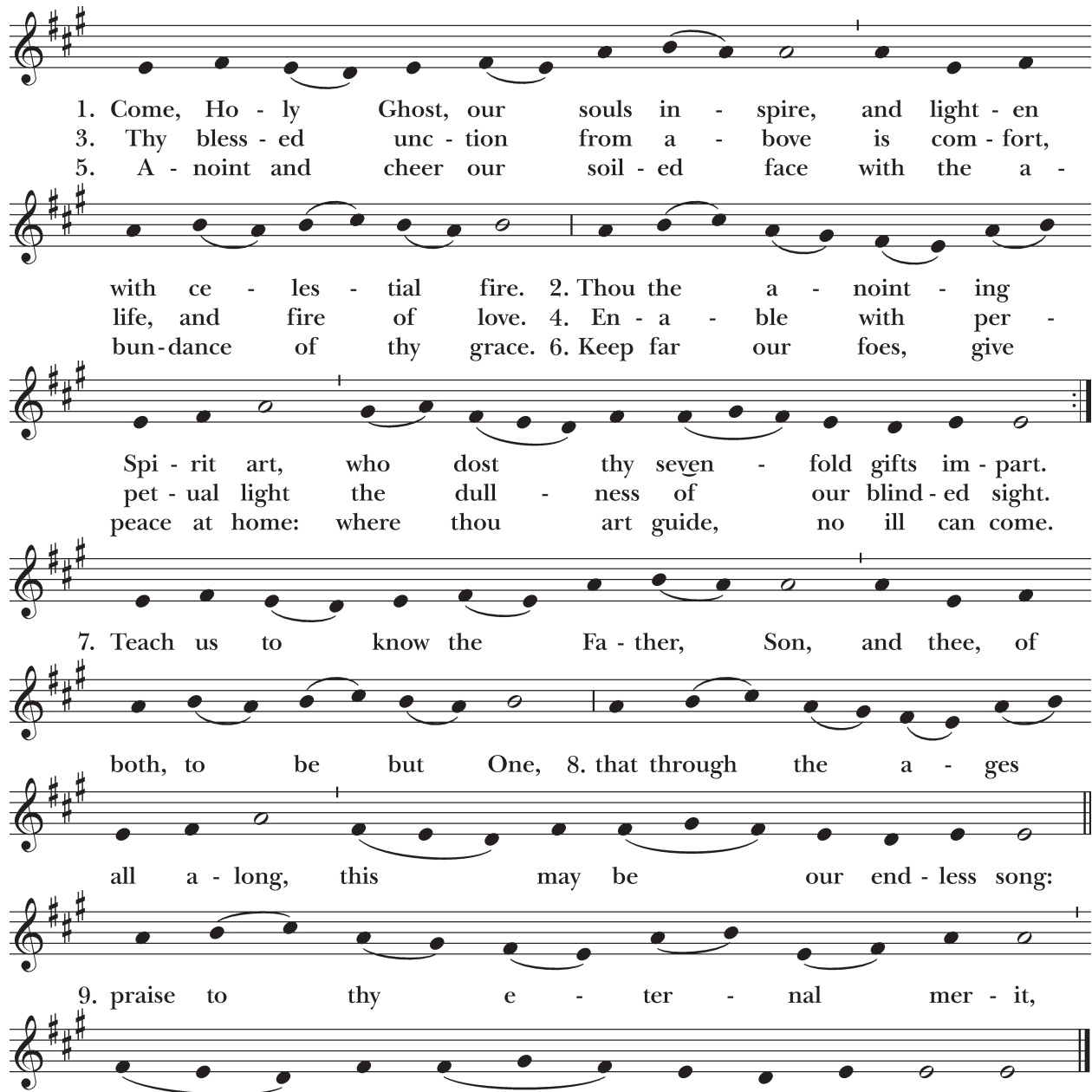
The sunne, which once did shine alone, hung down his head and wisht for night  
when he beheld twelve sunnes for one going about the world and giving light.

Lord, though we change, thou art the same, the same sweet God of love and light;  
restore this day for thy great name, unto his ancient and miraculous right.

—George Herbert (1593–1633)

**HYMN 504** *Sung by all, seated.*

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire



1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire, and light - en  
3. Thy bless - ed unc - tion from a - bove is com - fort,  
5. A - noint and cheer our soil - ed face with the a -  
with ce - les - tial fire. 2. Thou the a - noint - ing  
life, and fire of love. 4. En - a - ble with per -  
bun - dance of thy grace. 6. Keep far our foes, give  
Spi - rit art, who dost thy seven - fold gifts im - part.  
pet - ual light the dull - ness of our blind - ed sight.  
peace at home: where thou art guide, no ill can come.  
7. Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, and thee, of  
both, to be but One, 8. that through the a - ges  
all a - long, this may be our end - less song:  
9. praise to thy e - ter - nal mer - it,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

Words: Latin, 9th cent.; tr. John Cosin (1594-1672); para. of *Veni Creator Spiritus*. Music: *Veni Creator Spiritus*, plainsong, Mode 8; acc. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).

**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 LEVAS 120 *Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

Sweet, Sweet Spirit



1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, \_\_\_\_\_ And I  
 (2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive \_\_\_\_\_ Till you  
 (3. If you) say He saved you from your sin, \_\_\_\_\_ Now you're



1. know that it's the Spir - it of \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ There are  
 2. know Him in His full - ness, and \_\_\_\_\_ be - lieve. \_\_\_\_\_ You're the  
 3. weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, \_\_\_\_\_ you can



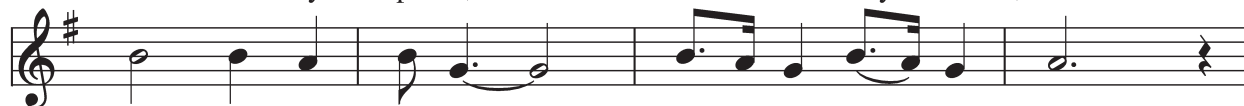
1. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, \_\_\_\_\_ And I  
 2. one to pro - fit when you say, \_\_\_\_\_ "I am  
 3. make it right if you will yield; \_\_\_\_\_ You'll en -



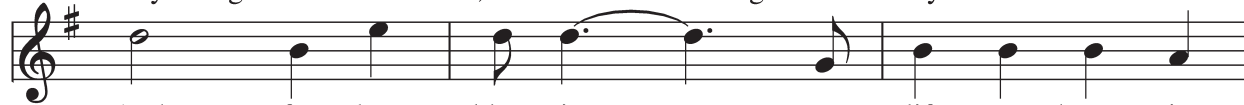
1. know they feel the pres - ence of \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. going to walk with Je - sus all \_\_\_\_\_ the way." \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that \_\_\_\_\_ we feel. \_\_\_\_\_



Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,



Stay right here with us, \_\_\_\_\_ fill - ing us with your love.



And for these bless - ings \_\_\_\_\_ we lift our hearts in



praise; With - out a doubt we'll know \_\_\_\_\_ that we have



been re - vived when we shall leave this place. 2. There are  
 3. If you place.

## 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 *Prélude, Adagio, et Choral varié* Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

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

and in thanksgiving for the baptism today of Elliot Alderman Howe,  
James Rose, Martin William Slattery Stock, and Theodore Ray Underwood.

## ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

Paul Barkett, *Crucifer* ♦ Ugo Owunwanne and Powe Rigby, *Acolytes*

Laurie Adams and Wendy J. Fibison, *Chalice Bearers*

Matt Bode, *Assistant Head Usher*

Claire Kim, Patricia Leslie, Randall Roe, and Jess Unger, *Ushers*

Becca Brown Todd and Roderick Todd, *Greeters*

Paul Barkett and Anne Harrington, *Flower Guild*

Seth Gilmore, *Livestream Technician*

Please help us be good stewards of the environment.

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

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## ARE YOU NEW TO ST. JOHN’S?

Please let us know who you are and how we can best serve you by filling out a “Welcome” card and leaving it in the offering plate or with an usher or greeter. ♦ **Free valet parking** is available 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](http://stjohns-dc.org) for more about our offerings and how to get in touch.

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# Announcements for the Week of June 8

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## TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

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- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher  
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 with Baptism—Sermon  
by the Rev. Rob Fisher
- 10 a.m. Cake and Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather  
permitting, or Parish House First Floor)  
Suncatcher Activity for All Ages (Plaza,  
weather permitting, or Togo West Parlor;  
see next column)  
St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev.  
Rob Fisher  
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- Noon Cake and 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: Tilden Street, NW; and Red Clover Drive, Rockville.**

### TODAY IS PENTECOST!

On the Day of Pentecost, we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples and the birth of the early church. We commemorate this day with baptisms at the 9 a.m. service. At 11 a.m., we recognize and offer thanks for our Christian education teachers.

During today's education hour, all are invited to participate in an intergenerational activity: Come make your own suncatcher to hang in a window at home as a reminder of the Holy Spirit's presence in your life. This activity will be offered between the 9 and 11 a.m. services and takes the place of Church School.



### 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 Kevin Cordova-Brookey.

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

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## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Here's the lineup starting next Sunday, June 15

- 8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon
- 9:30 a.m. *Summer Choir (begins June 29)*
- 10 a.m. Nursery—available until noon
- 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon and Children's Chapel
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
- Church Tour (when scheduled)

*Free valet parking available Sundays, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Speak to an usher to learn more.*

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

*June 9–15*

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**Monday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Tuesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

*No noonday service on Wednesday this week, due to funeral.*

**Thursday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Friday**—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

### REMINDER: SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS JUNE 15

- 8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon
  - 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Children's Chapel
- The Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey, Preacher*
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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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**Monday, June 9**

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

**Tuesday, June 10**

- 1 p.m. Staff Meeting (Togo West Parlor)
- 6:30 p.m. Lafayette Fellowship Trivia Night (Togo West Parlor; see next column)

**Wednesday, June 11**

- 11 a.m. Memorial service for Paul Van Nice

**Sunday, June 15**

- Summer Service Schedule begins (see above)
- Refugee Supply Drive begins (see next column)

## LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP TRIVIA NIGHT

**Tuesday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m.**

The Lafayette Fellowship offers activities for adults at St. John's who seek to socialize and build community with one another. We typically gather on the second Tuesday of the month for an evening activity; this month we will enjoy trivia night and a light supper. Questions will cover many topics, and everyone's knowledge is needed! RSVP at [bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events](http://bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events), or contact Hilary West via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org) with questions.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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### REFUGEE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

**Sundays, June 15, 22, and 29, and July 6**

The Refugee Committee will soon host its annual backpack and school supply drive for K through 5th-grade refugee youth. Please help welcome refugee students to our area by donating new school supplies!

We are looking for backpacks; three-ring binders (1- to 2-inch), packs of wide-ruled paper, composition books, wide-ruled wirebound notebooks, folders with pockets; pencil boxes or pouches; pencil sharpeners; #2 pencils, crayons, colored pencils or markers, highlighters; hand-held erasers, glue sticks, child-safe scissors, and rulers with inches and centimeters.

On Sundays, we will collect new supplies under the portico of the church facade before and after the 10:30 a.m. service. On weekdays, you may place donations in the box inside the H Street church entrance. You can also donate through an Amazon Wish List; stay tuned for a link. Questions? Contact Lacy Broemel through our website.

### GRACE'S TABLE

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

*Upcoming Dates: June 21, July 19, and August 16*

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.





### **LATROBE FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH**

**Sunday, June 22, at 11:30 a.m.**

The Latrobe Fellowship is a vibrant group of young adults in their 20s and 30s. We will meet on Sunday, June 22, for brunch after the 10:30 a.m. service. Gather in the sanctuary around 11:30 a.m. to walk together to Immigrant Food (1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW), or meet us there. For more details, contact the Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

### **SUMMER POST-CHURCH POTLUCKS**

**New Dates: Sundays, June 29 and July 27, at 11:30 a.m.**

During the summer, we extend our tradition of socializing, with a monthly potluck in the Togo West Parlor after the 10:30 a.m. service. Please sign up to bring a salad, bread, or dessert. Contact Holly Sukenik via “Parish Lunch” at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory) with questions.

### **SUMMER CHOIR BEGINS JUNE 29**

Singers of all stripes are invited to join the Summer Choir, which sings for the 10:30 a.m. service from June 29 through Labor Day weekend. Rehearsal begins every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. **There is no midweek commitment, and you are welcome to sing for as many or as few Sundays as you are able.** This is a great opportunity to explore the choral program at St. John’s and to get to know members of the St. John’s Choir and Parish Choir who will be on hand to lend their voices as well. Please contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website with questions or to learn more about the music program at St. John’s.



### **FIFE AND DRUM SERVICE**

**Sunday, July 6, at 10:30 a.m.**

Join us at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 6, for our annual Fife and Drum service featuring the Summer Choir and guest musicians offering music in celebration of Independence Day. Highlights include “The Battle Hymn of the Republic,” “Stars and Stripes Forever,” and other music representative of the history and culture of America.

*To make a donation in support of the special music on Fife and Drum Sunday, please contact Brent Erstad through the About: Leadership tab on our website.*



### **RSCM EVENSONG WITH GUEST CONDUCTOR**

**Thursday, July 10, at 5 p.m.**

Join us for a special service of Choral Evensong sung by the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) DC Residency Choir. The choir will include musicians from around the country who are gathered in DC for a week of study, rehearsal, and liturgy. The conductor of the choir is Dr. Jeremy Filsell, currently of St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, New York City. Please join us in welcoming this wonderful group of church musicians to St. John’s.

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## FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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### NURSERY HOURS

**Sundays, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**  
**(10 a.m. to noon beginning June 15)**

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 11 a.m. worship (10:30 a.m. in summer)**

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 following programs for children and youth are currently on summer hiatus and will resume after Labor Day:*

### CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

**Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m., from September through May**

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

### YOUTH GROUP

**Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m., from September through May**

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

### THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

**Sundays during 11 a.m. worship, September through May**

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

### CHORISTER PROGRAM

**From September through May**

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

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## REMINDERS

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### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**Occasional summer Sundays via Zoom**

During the program year, this group gathers most Sunday mornings, using a hybrid approach, with some joining via Zoom and others in person. Now through the end of summer, we will meet occasionally via Zoom, dates to be determined, with weekly study materials provided by email. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. For information, contact Jack Reiffer via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org).

### FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Flowers in the church and Parish House are made possible by gifts and are often dedicated to the memory of a loved one or to mark a birth or birthday, wedding, anniversary, graduation, or other special event. To make a dedication, pick up a flower card at the entrance to the church.

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

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



### ONLINE OFFERINGS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS

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



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

## 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.



## BAPTISMS

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

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

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

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

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

**Sunday, February 15, at 9 a.m.**

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

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## PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

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Praying for those in need is an important part of our life together. Contact the Pastoral Care team via the Connect: Ministry Directory tab at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org) to add yourself, family, or friends to our prayer list. Names of friends and

family who are not members of the congregation are followed by the name of the parishioner making the request.

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

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

**From our parish:** Margo Arnold, Hyman Field, David Springer, and Jocelyn Tichenor.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Conor Barry (Sarah Wood), 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), Julie Ellis (Preston Cherouny), 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), Norm Phillips (Susan Cardwell), Leo S. (Wendy J. Fibison), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Pam Snyder (Sarah Agnew), Patsy Swain (Margo Arnold), Sallie and William Wilkie Thompson (Cecelia Thompson), Ashley Smith Thomson (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), Reuben Varghese (Krista and Larry Bradley), Wendy Wardwell (Jim and Pat Czerwonky), 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, and Becky Schergens.

**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 IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY**

Leonardo Arriaga, Martha Birdseye, Cay Buser, Reese Crochet, Susan Dawson, Anna Ehrich, Louise Fisher, Dick Grimmett, John Highsmith, Powell Hutton, Alexander Kaye, Anya Kleyменова, Matthew McMurray, Nkem Onwuamaegbu, Issac Ornstein, Lauren Raab, Richard Rogers, Luca Russo, and Dorothea Teipel.

**THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY**

Andrew Clarke and Chip Sherrill, Cecil and Lydia Hornbaker, Kelly and Nathan Miller, Catherine and John Morefield, Dick and Joy Nathan, Ann and Christopher Tierney, and Sang and Sarah Yi.

**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).

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

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# WELCOME!

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

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

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

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

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## **Vestry Leadership & Members**

Nora Rigby, *Senior Warden*

Alfred Thesmar, *Junior Warden*

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

Nora Haugh, *Treasurer*

Anya Kleymenova, *Assistant Treasurer*

Allie Raether, *Secretary*

Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

**Head Usher**—James H. Czerwonky

**Head Greeters**—Eleanor and Peter Odom

## **Heads of Flower Guild**

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

## **Worship & Program Staff**

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

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

The Rev. William Morris, *Assisting Priest*  
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Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

Lyn Loewi, *Associate Organist*

The Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey, *Assistant for Youth,*  
*Young Adults, and New Member Engagement*

## **Staff**

Preston Cherouny, *Chief Operating Officer*

Charley Griffin, *Operations Manager*

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

Javier Obregon, *Sexton*

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

Anne Stone, *Publications*

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## **ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT**

St. John's shines as a beacon of God's love through faith, worship, care, and community,  
and offers a place of grace at our historic corner in the nation's capital.

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