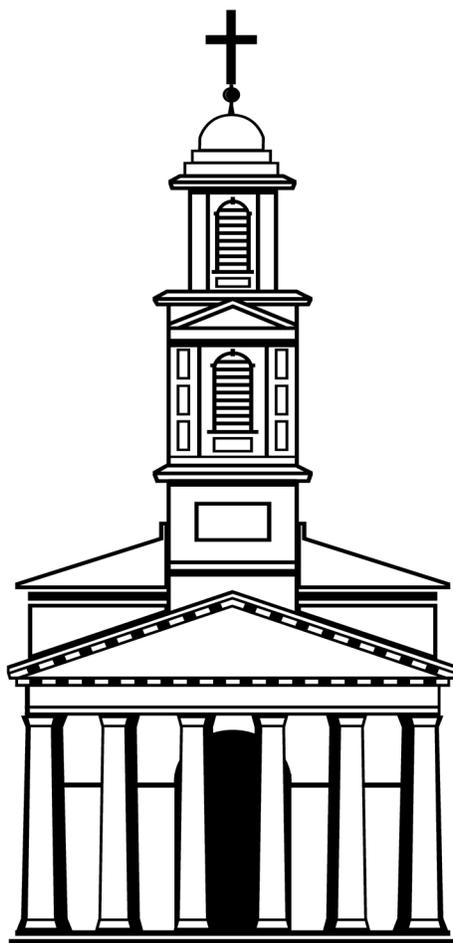


# THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 11, 2024 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.



## SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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*St. John's is a church for people of all races, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations,  
and viewpoints grounded in love. Whoever you are, we welcome you.*

Welcome to St. John's Church, Lafayette Square.

All are invited to participate in the service as able. Congregational responses appear in **bold**.

Nursery care is available from 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.

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**VOLUNTARY**

Prelude and Fugue Op. 16, No. 1

Clara Schumann (1819–1896)

**HYMN 690**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

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

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932).

## 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 (b. 1932)

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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

Ephesians 4:25–5:2

*Please be seated.*

*Read by Alex Stolar.*

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 34:1-8

*Led by Joanne Hutton, said responsively by half verse.*

I will bless the LORD at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the LORD; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!

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 341

For the bread which you have broken

Sung by all, standing as you are able. Stanzas 1 & 2 will be sung before the Gospel, stanzas 3 & 4 after.

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the  
 2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your  
 3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed  
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have  
 gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -  
 at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing  
 hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
 bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
 for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
 send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Words: Louis F. Benson (1855-1930), alt. Copyright © Louis F. Benson. Used by permission of Robert F. Jeffery. Music: *Omni die*, melody from *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, 1631; harm. William Smith Rockstro (1823-1895).

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:35, 41-51

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

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

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

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Following the Gospel, all sing stanzas 3 & 4 of the gradual hymn.*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy James

## 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.*

*Please remain 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. Mary's Church, DC. For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect; 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 Joseph, our President, and for the leaders of Congress, the Supreme Court, and all who are in authority. For our nation during this election year, that we will value and uphold the common bond we share as citizens, and that you will empower us at this time to be graceful, loving, and brave. 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

*Priest* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*All* Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

## THE PEACE

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

*People* And also with you.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*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

Rejoice in the Lord always

Anonymous, 16th century

*Sung by the choir.*

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice. Let your softness be known unto us all. The Lord is e'en at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen.

—*Philippians 4:4–7*

HYMN 577

God is love, and where true love is

*Standing as you are able.*

*Refrain*

God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.

1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.  
 2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,  
 3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,

Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.  
 let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.  
 when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.

Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.  
 Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.  
 Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

*Repeat Refrain*

Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.  
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.  
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

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## 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.**

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.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## 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

O taste and see

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Sung by the choir.*

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:  
blest is the one that trusteth in him.

—*Psalm 34:8*

## HYMN 455 *Sung by all, seated.*

O Love of God, how strong and true

1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal  
2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee  
3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for  
4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the

and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -  
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -  
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on  
dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion

bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.  
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.  
high, our life to live, our death to die.  
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808–1889). Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (1894–1985).

## 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 460

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

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

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

## THE DISMISSAL

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## VOLUNTARY

Finale—Allegro from *Sonata No. 1*

Florence Price (1887–1953)

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

### ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

Anya Kleymenova, *Crucifer*

Kevin Cordova-Brookey and Laurie Adams, *Chalice Bearers*

Nora Rigby, *Assistant Head Usher*

Martha Ellison, Kenny Kraft, Patricia Leslie, and Hap Rigby, *Ushers*

Eleanor Odom and Peter Odom, *Greeters*

Sarah Agnew and Pamela Venzke, *Flower Guild*

Ryan Wagner, *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 on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Look for the valet sign at the corner of Black Lives Matter Plaza (16th Street) and H Street, NW. ♦ Follow us on Instagram at @stjohnschurchlafayettesquare. See photos from St. John's musical performances, special events, meetings, Sunday services, and more. Relive the moment or experience it for the first time through the touch of a button on your smartphone.*

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# Announcements for the Week of August 11

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## TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

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- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev.  
Nancy James
- 9:30 a.m. Summer Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor;  
see below)
- 10 a.m. Nursery—available until noon  
(Parish House Second Floor)
- 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev.  
Nancy James  
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (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.

### SING WITH THE SUMMER CHOIR

Singers of all stripes are invited to join the Summer Choir which sings for the 10:30 a.m. service through Labor Day weekend. Rehearsal begins each 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 are also on hand to lend their voices. 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.



### 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.

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

*August 12-18*

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**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. Sarah Akes-Cardwell, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon  
and Children's Chapel

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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### Monday, August 12

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

### Tuesday, August 13

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

### Saturday, August 17

10:30 a.m. Grace's Table (Offsite; see below)



### SOUTH AFRICA VISIT TO RETURN

A delegation from St. John's, including the Rev. Rob Fisher, is returning from South Africa this week having spent time and built relationships with our friends at Kwasa College. Kwasa supports education and other services for 600 children living in an informal settlement near Johannesburg. Please keep them in your prayers for a safe voyage back home.

### GRACE'S TABLE

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

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. Volunteers purchase and prepare food (including casseroles, rolls, salad, and dessert) and/or serve the guests. Typically, as many as 60 or 70 guests come seeking food and fellowship. 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 via the Connect: Ministry Directory tab of our website with questions or to volunteer.

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## NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

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### THE 2024 FALL ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS Saturdays, October 19 & 26

Would you like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John's? If so, please join the two-day Fall Adult Inquirers' Class, led by the Rev. Rob Fisher, Rector of St. John's, on Saturdays, October 19 and 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All are welcome, whether you are a newcomer or a longtime parishioner. This is an opportunity to learn more about our Christian faith, the Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John's Church. To register, please contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website. Those who participate or who have completed another inquirers' class are invited to celebrate with a Service of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows on Saturday, November 16 at Washington National Cathedral.



### BELL TOWER RESTORATION

We are making steady progress on the restoration of our beautiful and historic bell tower. Visit [stjohns-dc.org/history/bell-tower](http://stjohns-dc.org/history/bell-tower) to learn more and find out how you can support the work. While you're online, check out our recent Speaker Series presentation about the project, which you can watch at [bit.ly/sjc-bell-tower-preservation](http://bit.ly/sjc-bell-tower-preservation).



## BEING WITH: A COURSE EXPLORING CHRISTIAN FAITH AND LIFE

Sign up now for the fall course

This fall, we are excited to offer a 10-week class called Being With ([being-with.org](http://being-with.org)), developed by the Rev. Sam Wells and his colleagues at St. Martin-in-the-Fields in London. Participants may choose between online and in-person learning groups and will spend time exploring the core ideas and practices of a Christian life. Each session lasts 90 minutes. Participants should be present for most sessions for the most meaningful small group experience. The course begins the week of September 22 and runs through December 6 (no class Thanksgiving week). Please contact the Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website with questions, or visit <https://bit.ly/3WhQjiB> to express interest in taking this course.



## 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 3, at 9 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, November 2, at 10 a.m.*

**Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 9 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, January 11, at 10 a.m.*

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

*Class: Saturday, February 8, at 10 a.m.*

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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## BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER STATIONS

**Sunday, August 25, at 11:30 a.m.**

Interactive, self-guided prayer stations will be available, focused on helping students, parents, and educators begin the school year well. Come name your hopes and concerns for the year ahead in creative ways. The prayer stations are designed with children in mind and will help adults tap into their own playfulness and imagination. Grab a coffee and explore!

## KICKOFF SUNDAY AND START OF THE NEW PROGRAM YEAR

**Sunday, September 8**

On Sunday, September 8, we will return to our full round of services (spoken at 7:45 a.m., with choir and hymns at 9 and 11 a.m.). Church School will host an open house, and the Adult Bible Study will resume its weekly sessions. The Speaker Series will also resume.

## CHURCH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

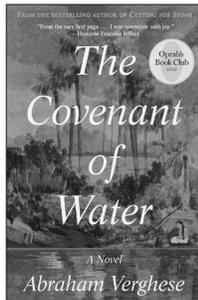
**Sunday, September 8, at 10 a.m.**

Kids and parents are invited to explore classrooms and meet their teachers between the 9 and 11 a.m. services on Kickoff Sunday. We'll have activities for kids and information about the program year ahead. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

## ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

**Thursday, September 12, at 7 p.m.**

Join us via Zoom for our first meeting of the fall to discuss *The Covenant of Water* by writer Abraham Verghese. The book group meets 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](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).



learn more about our LGBTQIA+ community and allies, contact St. John's Pride leaders Brian Cordova-Brookey and John Schutz via the Ministry Directory under the Connect tab of our website.

## JOIN US AT THE MINISTRY FAIR!

**Sunday, September 15, after the 9 and 11 am services**

Are you looking for ways to get involved in our church community? Look no further than our annual Ministry Fair, where you'll have the opportunity to explore ministries and find the perfect fit. Whether you're passionate about our church community, participating in worship, reaching out to the wider community, or helping with Christian education and formation, there's a ministry for you! Representatives from each ministry will be available to answer any questions. Come learn about ministry goals and activities, as well as the time commitment and training required. Mark your calendars and contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website to learn more.



## ST. JOHN'S PRIDE TIKI BOAT RIVER CRUISE

**Saturday, September 14, 5-7 p.m.**

Those 21+ are invited to join us for a relaxing evening out on the water. Tickets are \$60 each and must be purchased by August 15. For details, including how to buy tickets, or to

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## FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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### NURSERY HOURS

**Sundays, 10 a.m. to noon, through Labor Day**

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 10:30 a.m. worship**

Children from birth through grade 5 are invited to participate in a special liturgy just for them during the sermon at the later 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. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

### CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

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

Children in pre-K through fifth grade may participate in Church School on the second floor of the Parish House. The Godly Play class is for children in pre-K through first grade, while kids in second through fifth grade gather in the Spark class. 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**

All 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. Sarah Akes-Cardwell 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).

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## REMINDERS

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### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Through the end of summer, we will meet occasionally via Zoom, dates to be determined, with weekly study materials provided by email. We will look at the Galilean Ministry of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark and the broad structure of the Acts of the Apostles, exploring connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. For class notes and Zoom login, please be in touch with us via [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

### JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP

Want to get more involved at St. John's? Find a ministry group 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 occasional other special services and events.

### LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

To listen to past sermons or speaker series, visit our website or scan this QR code. You can also locate past sermons by searching for "St. John's Church, Lafayette Square" in the Podcast app on your device.



### ONLINE OFFERINGS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS

If you want to make an offering toward your pledge or a specific fund, you may do so on our website or by scanning the QR code on the right. In the "Fund" drop-down menu, select the fund to which you wish to donate.



### FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

The flowers that enhance the beauty of the Church and Parish House are made possible by gifts from our community and are often dedicated to the memory of a loved one or to mark a birth or birthday, a wedding, an anniversary, a graduation, or another special event. To make a dedication, pick up a flower card at the entrance to the Church.

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## PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

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Praying for the sick and those in need is an important part of our life together. We invite you to add yourself, family, or friends to the parish prayer list. **Contact Pastoral Care through the Connect: Ministry Directory tab at stjohndc.org.** Birthdays, anniversaries, births, and deaths are listed for a week. Other names added to the prayer list will appear for four consecutive weeks. If you would like the name to be on the prayer list for a shorter or longer period of time, please let us know. For family and friends who are not members of the congregation, we list in parentheses the name of the person requesting prayers.

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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:** Reed Barnes and Yung Chang.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Francis Collins (Fruzsina Harsanyi), Bruce D’Innocenzo (Jim and Michele Mullins), Mary Leche Delong (Margo Wiegenstein), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Marquis Hailstork (GeeGee Bryant), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Ryan Hyde (Pete and Katherine Kyle), 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), Melinda Leslie (Patricia Leslie), Jan Mains (Ryan Wagner), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Luke Morrison (Elizabeth and Greg Morrison), Bruce Mortimer (Nancy Mathis), Lisa Nestor (Sarah Wood), Ian Paton (Frances Tyler), Janet Rich (Christie Rich), Deanne Scanlon (Wendy J. Fibison), Alan Schutz (John and Zachary Schutz), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Louise Shaughnessy (Sarah Wood),

Patsy Swain (Margo Arnold), Sallie and William Wilkie Thompson (Cecelia Thompson), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), Richard Waycott (Louisa Waycott), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), and Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart).

### **THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE**

**Friends and family of our parish:** Carol Bradley (Larry and Krista Bradley), Henry Farrington (Wendy J. Fibison), and Pam Murray (James and Pat Czerwonky).

### **THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING**

**From our parish:** Eve Atkeson, Milton Chamberlain, Jack Kinsey, Barney Malloy, Marcella Odom, Becky Schergens, and Paul and Susan Van Nice.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Wilma Daubs (Kay Gilley), Lori LaPoint (Brent Erstad), Pat Morris (Will Morris), Cawley Scott (Robyne Johnston), and Carl Wright (Frank and Nancy Klotz).

### **THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

**Friends and family of our parish:** Joanne Cicchelli on August 2 (Emily Lucio) and John Z.C. Thomas on July 29 (Patricia Leslie).

### **THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BORN**

**From our parish:** Lilian Signe Kosobucki on July 30 (Jon and Liz Kosobucki).

### **THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK**

Jeff Bozman, Paul Brandus, Robert Dyer, Jeanne Grimmett, James Hailey, Katherine Hanniford, Kim Kennedy, Andrew Lee, Ervin Owens, Amara Owunwanne, Felicia Owunwanne, Powe Rigby, and Benjamin Russo.

### **THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK**

Michelle and Will Morris, Paul and Susan Van Nice, and Clark Ervin and Carolyn Harris.

### **THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES**

**Friends and family of our parish:** Janie Abernethy (Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy), Anna Broadbent-Evelyn (Shawn Evelyn), 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**

Nora Rigby, *Senior Warden*

Alfred Thesmar, *Junior Warden*

Tony Anikeeff, Krista Rimple Bradley, Kaye Edwards,  
Wendy J. Fibison, David Gallalee, Fruzsina Harsanyi,  
Elizabeth Cavert Morrison, Ucheora Onwuamaegbu,  
Jack Reiffer, Matthew Taylor, and Jess Unger,  
*Members*

Casey Evans, *Treasurer*

Nora Haugh, *Assistant Treasurer*

Allie Raether, *Secretary*

Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

## **Head Usher**

James H. Czerwonky

## **Heads of Flower Guild**

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

## **Head Greeters**

Eleanor and Peter Odom

## **Worship and Program Staff**

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

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

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

Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

Lyn Loewi, *Associate Organist*

Eric Bailey, *Minister for Youth and Young Adults*

## **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*

## **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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