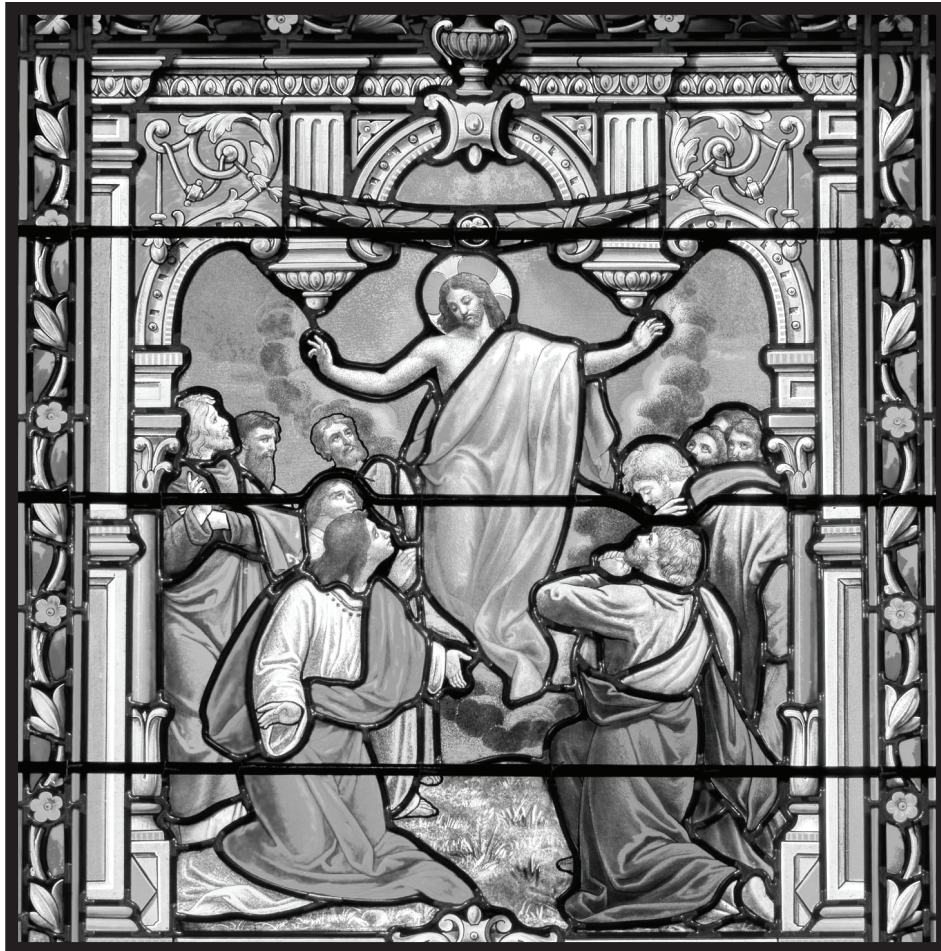


# THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION, OBSERVED

June 1, 2025 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 9 and 11 a.m.



## SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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

*Welcome to St. John's Church, Lafayette Square.*  
*All are invited to participate in the service as able. Congregational responses appear in **bold**.*  
*Nursery care is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Parish House.*

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

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

and in thanksgiving for the wedding yesterday of Meghan Burns and Douglas Burt;  
and in memory of PFC John David Conlon, D-Day Veteran, Silver Star Recipient, U.S. Army,  
on his 100th birthday and the 81st anniversary of the D-Day Invasion.

### **ASSISTING AT THE 9 A.M. SERVICE**

Mark Cardwell, *Crucifer* ♦ Ucheora Onwuamaegbu and Hilary West, *Chalice Bearers*  
Alfred Thesmar, *Assistant Head Usher* ♦ Martha Ellison and Zoe Fisher, *Ushers*  
Dylan Hayden and Desirée Stolar, *Greeters*  
Joanne Hutton and Katherine Kyle, *Flower Guild*

### **ASSISTING AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE**

Mike DuMond, *Crucifer* ♦ Walker Crochet and Cooper Thesmar, *Acolytes*  
Paul Barkett and Caroline Mazzocchi, *Chalice Bearers*  
Hap Rigby, *Assistant Head Usher*  
John Herzog and RJ Lyerly, *Ushers*  
Kim Kennedy and John Lucio, *Greeters*  
Joanne Hutton and Katherine Kyle, *Flower Guild*  
Jeremy Sheeler, *Livestream Technician*

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

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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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## VOLUNTARY

Soliloquy

David Conte (b. 1955)

## HYMN 214

Hail the day that sees him rise

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

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 See! he shows the prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Llanfair*, Robert Williams (1781-1821).

# 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,



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Priest* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

*Please be seated.*

*9 a.m. Read by Katherine Bliss.*

*11 a.m. Read by Beth DuMond.*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 93

*9 a.m. Led by Alex Stolar, said responsively by half verse.*

*11 a.m. Chanted by the choir; setting by Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968).*

The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; \*

**the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.**

He has made the whole world so sure \* **that it cannot be moved;**

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; \* **you are from everlasting.**



The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; \*  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, \*  
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

Your testimonies are very sure, \*  
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.

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

## GRADUAL HYMN 603

When Christ was lifted from the earth

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



1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his  
2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and  
3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -  
4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,  
al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us  
vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels  
I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.  
as his friends and loves us as we are.  
but a face, a per - son, and a name.  
cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

*Deacon* 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. Dcn. Eric Bailey

## THE NICENE CREED

*Please stand as you are able.*

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

9 a.m. Led by Mark Dennis.

*Kneeling or standing as you are able.*

11 a.m. Led by Chris Janson.

*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 Church of the Ascension and Iglesia La Ascención, Gaithersburg; Church of the Ascension, Silver Spring; and Church of the Ascension, Lexington Park. 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.*

## 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

O clap your hands

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

*Sung by the choir.*

O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises. Sing praises to our King, sing praises, for God is the King of all the earth. Sing ye praises, everyone that hath understanding. God reigneth over the heathen, God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness. Sing praises unto our King. Sing praises.

—*From Psalm 47*

# HYMN 469

There's a wideness in God's mercy

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

*Introduction*



1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the wide - ness  
 2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than  
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure

of the sea; there's a kind - ness in his jus -  
 up in heaven; there is no place where earth's fail -  
 of the mind; and the heart of the E - ter -

tice, which is more than lib - er - ty. There is wel - come  
 ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given. There is plen - ti -  
 nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were

for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good; there is mer - cy  
 ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for  
 but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word; and our life would

*Interlude/Conclusion*

with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
 all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.  
 be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.



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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.

*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. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

William Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

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

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)

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

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

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

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The musical score is written for four systems of vocal staves. Each system consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The first system ends with a repeat sign, and the fourth system ends with a double bar line.

## 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

Many colors paint the rainbow

Roy Hopp (b. 1951)

*Sung by the choir.*

Many colors paint the rainbow arching over land and sea.

Many colors form the fabric of our human tapestry.

God, with joy and hope you made us by a pattern you had planned,  
weaving varied threads together with a skilled and loving hand.

Many peoples bring their treasures, as those kings who traveled far,  
drawn from all earth's scattered places back to Christ, the Morning Star.

All may offer gifts to others and from them receive in turn.

In the gathering of nations, help us, God, to teach and learn.

Many faces round the table wait for Christ, the Risen Lord,  
for he comes with love to meet us in the loaf, the cup, the Word.

All are welcomed, none rejected, bound by Christ in unity,  
naming others sisters, brothers in a worldwide family.

Many voices sing God's praises in a language all their own.

Tongues confused at Babel's tower now are joined around God's throne.

Free our hearts of hate and discord till our lives in concert blend.

Alleluia, alleluia! be our anthem without end.

—*Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr. (1923–2007)*





1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble, for ev - ery - one born, clean  
 2. For all who share life, a place at the ta - ble, re - vis - ing the roles, de -  
 3. For those we ne - glect, a place at the ta - ble, a voice to be heard, a  
 4. For you and for me, a place at the ta - ble, though woun - ded and sore, with  
 5. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble, to live with - out fear, and

wa - ter and bread, a shel - ter, a space, a  
 cid - ing the share, with wis - dom and grace, di -  
 part in the song, the hands of a child in  
 need to for - give, in an - ger, in hurt, a  
 simp - ly to be, to work, to speak out, to

safe place for grow - ing, for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head.  
 vid - ing the pow - er. for all who share life, a sys - tem that's fair.  
 hands that are wrink - led, for those we ne - glect, the right to be - long.  
 mind - set of mer - cy, for you and for me, a new way to live.  
 wit - ness and wor - ship, for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

and God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice — and  
 joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes, God will de - light when we are cre -  
 a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy!

Words: Shirley Erena Murray (1931–2020), alt. Music: *For Everyone Born*, Brian Mann (b. 1979).

## 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.*

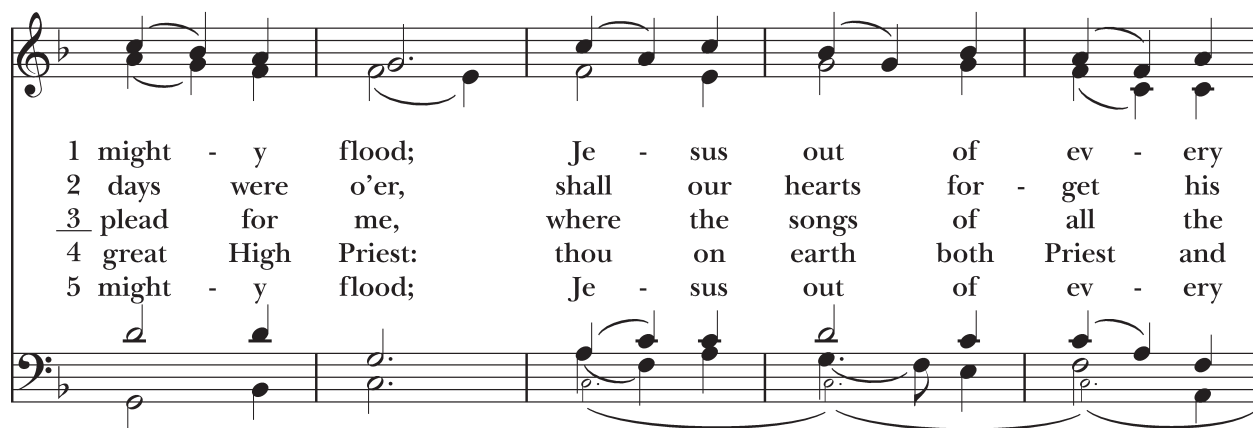
1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

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

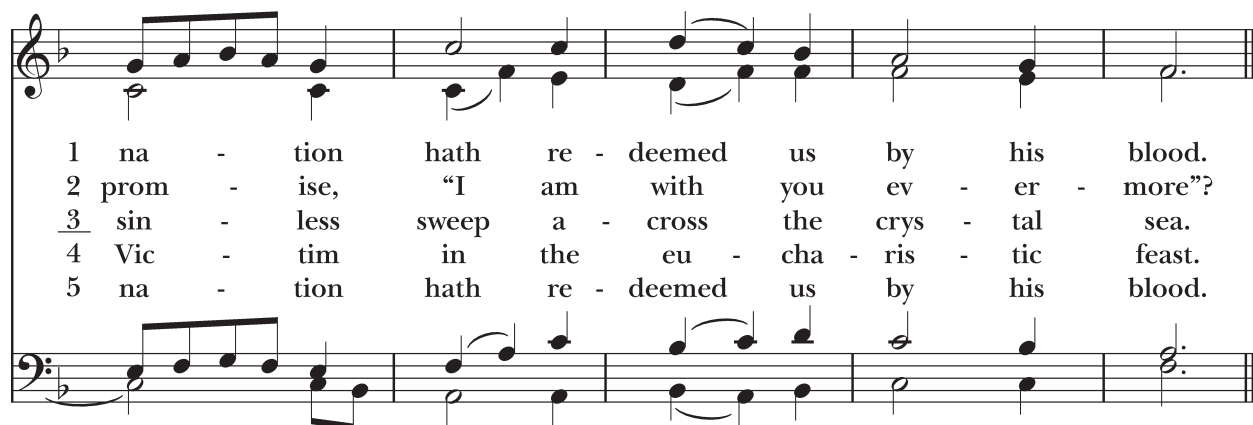
1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the



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

*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

Prelude in C, BWV 547

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

# Announcements for the Week of June 1

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## TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

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- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev.  
Dcn. Eric Bailey  
Parish Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 8:30 a.m. Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m.  
(Parish House Second Floor)
- 9 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev.  
Dcn. Eric Bailey
- 10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,  
or Parish House First Floor)  
Church School (Parish House Second Floor)  
Youth Group (Parish House Second Floor)  
St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev.  
Dcn. Eric Bailey  
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,  
or Parish House First Floor)  
Federal Workers Support Group (Parish  
House Third Floor; see next column)  
Parish Lunch (see next column)  
Church Tour (see next page)

### 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: Cameron Station Boulevard, Alexandria; North Utah Street, Arlington; Georgetown Court, NW; and N Street, NW.**



### CELEBRATING PRIDE AT ST. JOHN'S

Our services today feature acknowledgments of Pride and the essential blessings of LGBTQIA+ siblings to the Body of Christ. Today's 11 a.m. service will include special music sung by the combined St. John's Choir, Parish Choir, and Choristers, and our St. John's Pride group will host Parish Lunch at noon.

*Interested in learning about our LGBTQIA+ community and allies? Contact leaders Brian Cordova-Brookey and John Schutz via the Ministry Directory on our website.*

### FEDERAL WORKER SUPPORT GROUP

#### Today at noon

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

### SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH

#### Today after the 11 a.m. service

Sunday lunch is held most Sundays in the Parish House. Contributions of \$5 for adults and young people 13 and over and \$2 for children under 13 are requested to help defray the costs of the lunch. All are welcome. Valet parking hours are extended to 2 p.m. any Sunday with a parish lunch.

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

June 1 St. John's Pride

June 8 Pentecost



## TOUR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Today at noon

For more than 200 years our church has served as a place of worship for a growing and everchanging city and country. Its structure is a lasting testament to Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who, because of his training in both architecture and engineering, is considered by the American Institute of Architects as our country's first architect. If you are interested in an in-person tour of St. John's Church, meet at the front of the church near the baptismal font after the 11 a.m. service. Today's guide is Richard Busch.

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

*June 2-8*

**Monday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Tuesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Wednesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Thursday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Friday**—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

**Sunday**—The Rev. Rob Fisher, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

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

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

### Monday, June 2

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

### Tuesday, June 3

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

### Thursday, June 5

7 p.m. Book Group (via Zoom; see below)

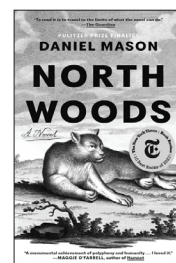
### Saturday, June 7

12:30 p.m. Capital Pride Parade (see below)

### ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

Thursday, June 5, at 7 p.m.

Please join us via Zoom to discuss *North Woods: A Novel* by Daniel Mason. A humble cabin in the New England woods becomes the home of an extraordinary succession of human and nonhuman characters alike over decades. The book group typically meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information and the link, please contact leader Janet Edmond via the online directory at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).



### MARCHING IN THE CAPITAL PRIDE PARADE

**Saturday, June 7: Gather at 12:30 p.m. for 2 p.m. start**

Next Saturday, St. John's Pride will join the official diocesan contingent to march in the Capital Pride Parade. Allies and those who identify as LGBTQIA+ are welcome to march with us. We will gather at St. Luke's Episcopal Church (1514 15th Street, NW) at 12:30 p.m. for a brief prayer and instructions before heading to the parade staging area together. The parade begins at 2 p.m.

**Questions? Planning to march with us?** Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab of our website so we can keep you up to date on logistics and any last-minute changes.



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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### PENTECOST IS SUNDAY, JUNE 8

On the Day of Pentecost, we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples and the birth of the early church. At St. John's, we will commemorate the day with baptisms at the 9 a.m. service. At 11 a.m., we will recognize and offer thanks for our Christian education teachers. We ask all teachers to be present at the 11 a.m. service as you are able—and all others to join us for this parish-wide celebration.

During the June 8 education hour, all ages 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 in the dining room and will take the place of Church School. For curious minds, take a sneak peek at the process and results online at [bit.ly/june-8-suncatchers](https://bit.ly/june-8-suncatchers).

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### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE TO BEGIN

**Here's the lineup starting Sunday, June 15**

- 8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon
- 9:30 a.m. *Summer Choir (see next column)*
- 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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### 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

**Sundays, June 22 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](https://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 Sunday, June 29, 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 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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## NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

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## BAPTISMS

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

**Sunday, June 8, at 9 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, June 7, at 10 a.m.*

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

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

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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.

*“For Children and Youth” continues on the next page.*

## 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.

## 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.

*The final official meeting of the program year will take place Sunday, June 1. On Sunday, June 8, children are invited to a special activity during the education hour making suncatchers.*

## 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 final official meeting of the program year will take place Sunday, June 1. On Sunday, June 8, youth are invited to a special activity during the education hour making suncatchers.*

## 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.

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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), 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 WHO HAVE BEEN BORN

**From our parish:** Grace Sadie Kozlowski, May 10 (Lara Kanitra and Kevin Kozlowski).

### THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Maya Cho, Kristopher Foreman, Claire Gaziano, Kelly Hallett, Isabelle Hardinge, Will Huettner, Ava Kosegarten, Jon Kosobucki, Maria McGregor, Carl Raether, Georgia Rawlings, Cameron Smith, Abigail Traxler, David Trebing, and Tara Woodley.

### THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

Laurie Adams and Matt Bode, Austin Johnson and Lilian Johnson, Elizabeth and Greg Morrison, Katherine and Scott Raab, Avo and Sarah Reid, and Brian and KayAnn Schoeneman.

### 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*

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**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*

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*for Engaging Local Communities*

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*

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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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