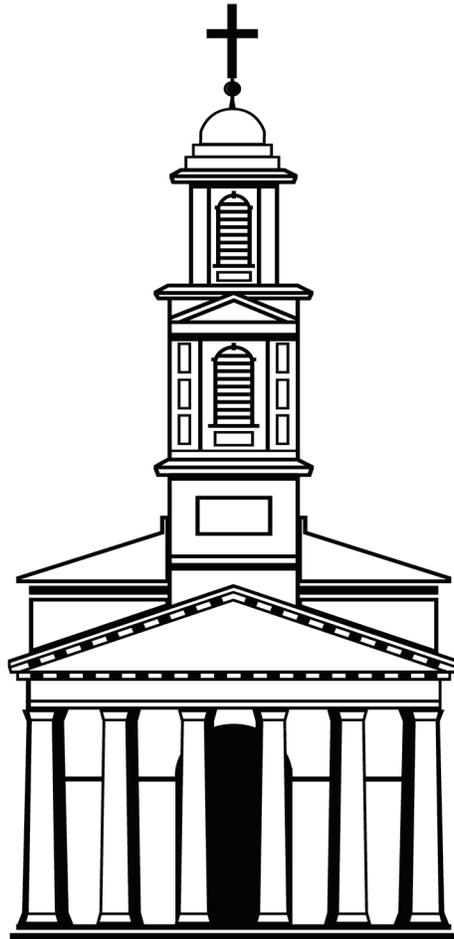


THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 22, 2026 ♦ 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.

Please refrain from taking photos or videos during services.

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on *Jesus Christus, unser Heiland*, BWV 688

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

HYMN 495

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

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



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710; harm. Roy. F. Kehl (b. 1935).

THE WORD OF GOD

Please remain standing as you are able.

Priest Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Priest Let us confess our sins to God.

Please remain standing, or kneel as you are able.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

KYRIE (S-91) *Sung by all.*

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Please be seated.

9 a.m. Read by Ucheora Omwuamaegbu.

11 a.m. Read by Holly Sukenik.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 130

9 a.m. Led by Peter Odom, said responsively by half verse.

11 a.m. Chanted by the choir.

Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O LORD, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you; * **therefore you shall be feared.**

I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; * **in his word is my hope.**

My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;

With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

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.

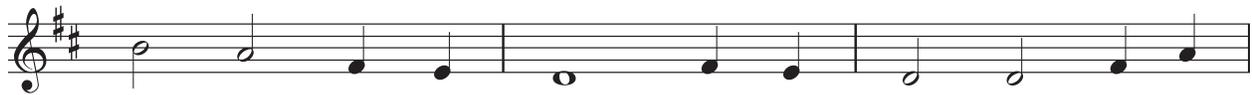
GRADUAL HYMN 686

Come, thou fount of every blessing

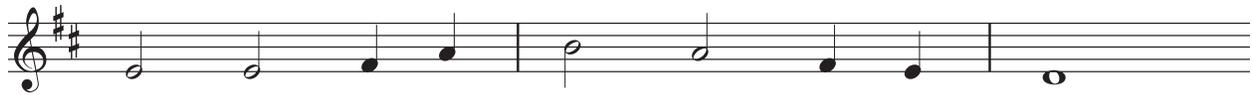
Sung by all, standing as you are able. Stanzas 1 & 2 will be sung before the Gospel, stanza 3 after.



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



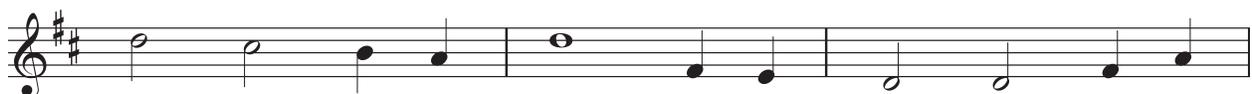
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:1, 3-6, 17-44

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the people had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The people who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the people who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the people said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Following the Gospel, all sing stanza 3 of the gradual hymn.

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 Kingsley Afemikhe.

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

11 a.m. Led by Laurie Adams.

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

Silence.

Intercessor For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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 Chapel of the Annunciation, Church House, and in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Oscar Romero and the Martyrs of El Salvador. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann, our Bishop; Eugene, our Assistant Bishop; and for all clergy and other ministers, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For Donald, our President, for the leaders of Congress and the nations, for the Supreme Court, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For this city of Washington, for every city and community, and for those who live in them. For those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week . . . ; and for those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week . . . , let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering. For those who are in assisted living . . . , let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, for refugees and migrants throughout the world, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially . . . , let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor In the communion of St. John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Priest Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Please stand as you are able.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Wayfaring Stranger

arr. Alice Parker (1925–2023)

Sung by the choir.

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger a-trav'lin' thro' this world of woe,
and there's no sickness, toil, or danger in that bright world to which I go.

I'm goin' there to see my Father, I'm goin' there no more to roam;
I'm just a-goin' over Jordan, I'm just a-goin' over home.

I know dark clouds will gather o'er me, I know my way is rough and steep;
yet beauteous fields lie just before me where souls redeemed their vigils keep.

I'm goin' there to see my Mother, she said she'd meet me when I come;
I'm only goin' over Jordan, I'm only goin' over home.

I want to wear a crown of glory when I get home to that bright land;
I want to shout salvation's story in concert with that heav'nly band.

I'm goin' there to see my Savior, to sing his praise for evermore;
I'm only goin' over Jordan, I'm only goin' over home.

*—Traditional American***HYMN 488** *Standing as you are able.*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
thou my best thought,— by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart,— what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt. Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948). By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please remain standing as you are able.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The priest continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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-124) *Sung by all.*

David Hurd (b. 1950)

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.

Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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-161) *Sung by all.*

David Hurd

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.

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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

De profundis

Virgil Thomson (1896–1989)

Sung by the choir.

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice. O let thine ear consider well the voice of my complaint. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it? For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared. I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him; and in his word is my trust. My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; I say, before the morning watch. O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

—*Psalm 130*

HYMN 151

From deepest woe I cry to thee

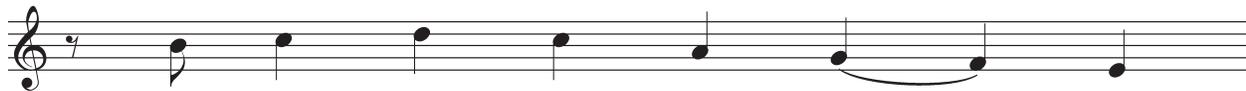
Sung by all, seated.



1 From deep - est woe I cry to thee; Lord, hear me, I im -
2 Thou grant - est par - don through thy love; thy grace a - lone a -
3 And thus my hope is in the Lord, and not in my own



plore thee! Bend down thy gra - cious ear to me;
vail - eth. Our works could ne'er our guilt re - move;
mer - it; I rest up - on his faith - ful word



I lay my sins be - fore thee.
yea, e'en the best life fail - eth.
to them of con - trite spi - rit.

If thou re - mem - berest ev - ery sin,
 For none may boast them - selves of aught,
 That he is mer - ci - ful and just,
 if nought but just re - ward we win,
 but must con - fess thy grace hath wrought
 here is my com - fort and my trust;
 could we a - bide thy pres - ence?
 what - e'er in them is wor - thy.
 his help I wait with pa - tience.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.; based on Psalm 130. Music: *Aus tiefer Not*, melody att. Martin Luther (1483-1546); harm. Johann Herman Schein (1586-1630), alt.

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 143

The glory of these forty days

Sung by all, standing as you are able.



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full
5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell (1862-1947), alt. By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *Erhalt uns, Herr*, melody from *Geistliche Leiden*, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on *Erhalt uns, Herr*

Christa Rakich (b. 1952)

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

ASSISTING AT THE 9 A.M. SERVICE

Jack Reiffer, *Crucifer*
Robyne Johnston and Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, *Chalice Bearers*
Richard Young, *Assistant Head Usher*
Martha Ellison, *Usher*
Susan Valaskovic and Susan Welch, *Greeters*
Sarah Agnew, *Flower Guild*

ASSISTING AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE

Beverly Roberts, *Crucifer*
Walt Ehrich and Ugo Owunwanne, *Acolytes*
Debby Hailey and Fruzsina Harsanyi, *Chalice Bearers*
Matt Bode, *Assistant Head Usher*
Susan Cardwell, John Schutz, and Karen Zachary, *Ushers*
Greg Morrison and Desirée Stolar, *Greeters*
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Please help us be good stewards of the environment.
**If you do not wish to take this bulletin home after the service,
you may leave it at the end of the pew as you depart or place it in a blue recycling bin.**

ARE YOU NEW TO ST. JOHN'S?

Please let us know who you are and how we can best serve you by filling out a "Welcome" card and leaving it in the offering plate or with an usher or greeter. Free valet parking is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sundays; look for the valet sign at the corner of 16th and H streets, NW. Find us on Instagram at @stjohnschurchlafayettesquare or visit stjohns-dc.org for more about our offerings and how to get in touch.

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Announcements for the Week of March 22

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

N Street Village Supply Drive through April 5 (see page 4)
Children's Chapel offered during the sermon at 9 and 11 a.m.
Preaching this morning: The Rev. Rob Fisher

- 8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon
Parish Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 8:30 a.m. Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m.
(Parish House Second Floor)
- 9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon
- 10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,
or Parish House First Floor)
Holy Week Preview (Togo West Parlor;
see next column)
Youth Confirmation Class (Parish House
Second Floor; see next column)
Adult Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor)
St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon
- Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,
or Parish House First Floor)
Church Tour (see next column)

FLOWER DELIVERIES

Help us brighten the day of parishioners by taking them flowers, located in the side chapel most Sundays of the year. A card is attached to each vase with contact information.

Today, flower deliveries are needed to: Dartmouth Avenue, Silver Spring; and Oregon Knolls Drive, NW.

HOLY WEEK PREVIEW FOR ALL AGES

Today at 10 a.m.

Interactive stations will be set up to help explore and explain the significance of what happens between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. This offering is geared toward families with infants, toddlers, and elementary aged children, although all are welcome. Come prepare to participate in the liturgies of Holy Week and discover ways you might mark these special days at church or at home.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS

Second and fourth Sundays at 10 a.m. through April

Confirmation is a sacramental rite in which candidates express a mature commitment to Christ before God, the bishop, and the gathered community. On second and fourth Sundays through April, we are preparing interested youth to take this important step in their faith journey, with confirmations to be held at Washington National Cathedral on Saturday, May 9, at 10 a.m. Youth who have already been confirmed are also encouraged to attend, to review faith topics and get to know our new candidates. Questions? Contact the Rev. Eric Bailey via our website.



TOUR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH | Today at noon

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

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

SERVICE SCHEDULE | *March 23–29*

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

Palm Sunday—The Rev. Eric Bailey, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms,
Passion Reading, and Children's Chapel

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms,
Passion Reading, and Children's Chapel

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, March 23

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

Tuesday, March 24

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

Wednesday, March 25

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

5:15 p.m. Lenten Prayer Group (final session; see below)

Thursday, March 26

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

7 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

LENTEN PRAYER GROUP

Wednesdays in Lent, 5:15–6 p.m.

We are offering a time of simple, silent prayer on Wednesdays in Lent convened by the Rev. Dr. Sarah Coakley, who led a series of instruction on prayer last year at St. John's. The group will gather in person at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, but if you do not live near the seminary you can join the group virtually. Our last session will be on March 25, and it will include a teaching by the Rev. Martin Smith. To participate, please sign up at bit.ly/sjc-lent-2026.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER



PALM SUNDAY—March 29

8 a.m. Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms
Passion Reading, and Children's Chapel

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms
Passion Reading, and Children's Chapel

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK—April 1

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong (see next page)



MAUNDY THURSDAY—April 2

5 p.m. Family Service with Eucharist, Foot Washing,
and Stripping of the Altar

7 p.m. Choral Eucharist with Foot Washing and
Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY—April 3

Noon Good Friday Service with Communion from
the Reserved Sacrament

EASTER DAY—April 5

8 a.m. Eucharist with Hymns

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Brass and Percussion

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Brass and Percussion

Children's Chapel offered during the sermon at 9 and 11 a.m.

EASTER DAY FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The deadline for inclusion in the Easter Day order of service is Sunday, March 29.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Amount _____

In memory of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

Please complete this form, enclose it with a check payable to St. John's Church, and place it in the offering plate on Sunday. The suggested donation is \$55 per name. You may also pay online at bit.ly/sjc-give-now. Choose "Special Flowers" in the dropdown menu. Under memo, list the name(s), and indicate whether your gift is in memory of or in thanksgiving for.

Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

After services on Palm Sunday, please plan to deliver at least one Easter lily to fellow parishioners who cannot be present with us at worship at this time. The plants will be in the Parish House parlors with cards addressed to parishioners who live near you in Virginia, Maryland, or the District.

To dedicate Easter flowers in honor of or thanksgiving for a loved one, see above. Flower dedications received by Sunday, March 29, will be printed in the Easter Day bulletins.

CHORAL EVENSONG | Wednesday, April 1, 5:30 p.m.

Join us for Choral Evensong centering on biblical stories of lament: William Byrd's motet *Civitas sancti tui*, a lament for the desolation of Jerusalem, and Eric Whitacre's late 20th-century anthem *When David heard*, which sets King David's anguished cry over the death of his son Absalom. The Magnificat and Nunc dimittis from Byrd's *Second Evening Service* will be accompanied by viol consort. Come prepare for the Holy Week liturgies that follow as we lament Christ's death and await the day of Resurrection.

St. John's Pride will gather for fellowship shortly after the service; contact the group via our online Ministry Directory with questions, or look for us on April 1.

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

COMING UP

LATROBE FELLOWSHIP

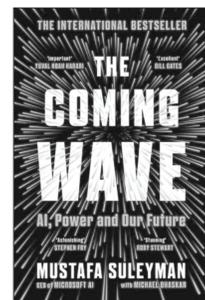
Wednesday, April 1, at 5:30 p.m.

In April, we will gather an hour earlier than usual to attend the Holy Week choral evensong and enjoy time together afterward. The Latrobe Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We typically gather at St. John's at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for a short worship service followed by an activity. For more information, contact the Rev. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

Thursday, April 9, at 7 p.m.

Please join us via Zoom to discuss *The Coming Wave* by Mustafa Suleyman. As cofounder of the pioneering company DeepMind, Suleyman highlights the unprecedented risks to global order that are posed by a wave of fast-developing technologies such as artificial intelligence and genetic engineering—powerful tools that can address complex challenges but also create upheaval at the same time. The book group typically meets 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.



GRACE'S TABLE

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

Upcoming dates: April 18 and May 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.

AN EVENING WITH THE CHOIR OF WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Friday, May 1, at 7 p.m., at St. John's

The White House Historical Association and St. John's, in celebration of America's 250th, will host an evening with the choir of Westminster Abbey on Friday, May 1. Westminster Abbey's choir is renowned worldwide as one of the finest of its type, with up to 30 boys and 12 professional adult singers. The choir's wide-ranging performing activities are rooted in a centuries-old tradition, and its repertoire ranges from plainsong and Tudor polyphony to 20th-century masterpieces and new commissions. Purchase tickets (\$25) at www.whitehousehistory.org/events. This event will be held at St. John's.

SPEAKER SERIES

The Speaker Series is held most Sundays from September through May at 10 a.m. in the Togo West Parlor on the first floor of the Parish House. An audio recording will be available on our website the week after each talk.



April 12: Aalok Mehta, Director of the Center for Strategic and International Studies' Wadhani AI Center, will address the promise, perils, and defining questions of artificial intelligence.



April 19: Aaron Reichlin-Melnick, a senior fellow at the American Immigration Council, will bring us up to date on the current state of U.S. immigration policies and practices.



April 26: Martha Gimbel, Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Budget Lab at Yale University, a non-partisan policy research center, will discuss the state of the U.S. economy.

NEWS & NOTICES



THANKS FOR A SUCCESSFUL TOY DRIVE!

Toys collected by the St. John's Refugee Committee were used for two Lutheran Social Services distribution events, leading up to the Eid al-Fitr holiday. Members of the committee helped parents and children pick toys at the Alexandria event. Toys benefited 205 children at the two events. Thank you for your generosity!



THANKS FROM SAMARITAN MINISTRY FOR . . .

. . . your abundant generosity! If you weren't among the nearly 300 supporters who turned out for Samaritan's 40th anniversary breakfast, we encourage you to watch talks by Bp. Mariann Edgar Budde, Busboys and Poets founder Andy Shallal, Next Step alum Diego Cunningham (above with his parents, Iris and William), and others at bit.ly/smgw-40th. And if you haven't yet given to the campaign, you still can at bit.ly/smgw-spring-26. Questions? Contact Sarah Wood via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

N STREET VILLAGE SUPPLY DRIVE

Now through Easter Day, April 5

The Sisters at St. John's are partnering with N Street Village, a local group that supports D.C. women experiencing

homelessness by offering a broad spectrum of services, housing, and advocacy in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. We are collecting a variety of necessities, including toilet paper, paper towels, sanitary pads, women's underwear all sizes, and casual pants sizes medium to XL. To donate, bring any of the above items to church and leave them in the basket by the reception area in the Parish House.

BECOME A PARENT NAVIGATOR (MENTOR)

Communities in Schools (CIS) is looking for volunteers to serve as navigators, or peer mentors, for parents striving to support their children's education and their own personal and professional goals. Use your knowledge in areas such as finance, medicine, nutrition, and child advocacy to provide one-to-one guidance, support, and practical strategies that help parents build strong home-school connections and advocate for themselves and their families. Volunteers matched with a family can expect a commitment of a few hours a month. Other ways to mentor include doing a webinar or virtual workshop in your area of specialty. Orientation, training, and ongoing support will be provided. For more information, contact CIS leaders Ann Gardner and Livy More via the online Ministry Directory.

FOR THOSE SEEKING TO BE BAPTIZED

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

Sunday, April 12, at 9 a.m.

Class: Saturday, April 11, at 10 a.m.

Sunday, May 24, at 11 a.m.

Class: Saturday, May 23, at 10 a.m.

PARISH LUNCH SCHEDULE AND HOSTS

Most Sundays after the 11 a.m. service

Sunday lunch at St. John's is a longtime tradition in which every member and every visitor can participate. It's a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones—a time for fellowship and for hearing another's story. The 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.

The Sunday lunch tradition relies on volunteers to prepare and serve the meal—which is why we encourage individuals, families, groups, or ministries to host at least once per program year. Hosts may be reimbursed for expenses or receive a tax receipt. Not sure what's involved? Want to claim a future date? Contact Parish Lunch coordinator Holly Sukenik at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

March 22 No Lunch

March 29 No Lunch: Palm Sunday

April 5 No Lunch: Easter Day

April 12 RJ Lyerly

April 19 Vestry

April 26 Sisters at St. John's

FEDERAL WORKERS | Giving or receiving support

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

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NURSERY CARE | Sundays, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Infants and children are welcome at all worship services. Nursery care is also available most Sundays for infants and children up to age three. The nursery meets in the Godly Play Classroom #2 on the second floor of the Parish House.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Sundays during the sermon at 9 and 11 a.m. worship

Most Sundays, kids from birth through grade 5 are invited to participate in a special liturgy just for them during the sermon at 9 and 11 a.m. services. 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 most Sundays of the school year. For information, contact the Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

YOUTH GROUP

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

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

CHORISTER PROGRAM | September through May

We offer a choir for children and youth with unchanged (treble) voices. Through a custom-made curriculum, singers receive training in sight reading, vocal production, music theory, liturgy, and leadership, and become part of a vibrant community of music makers. To learn more or express interest, contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY | September through May

Youth in 6th grade and above are welcome to participate during worship services, serving as torch bearers or crucifers and helping set the altar for communion. Contact Vincent Scauzzo via stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory for details.

STEWARDSHIP

PLEASE PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

As of Tuesday, March 17, we had received 271 pledges, totaling commitments of \$1,097,155 for 2026.

Your 2026 pledge is a commitment of financial support to St. John's for the upcoming year. It can be a one-time annual payment, or it can be paid weekly, monthly, or on the schedule of your choosing. You can make your pledge online on our website (stjohns-dc.org/give/pledge) or by returning a pledge card either by mail to the church office or by placing it in the offering plate on Sunday. Thank you!

REMINDERS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY | Most Sundays at 10 a.m.

This group gathers most Sunday mornings, using a hybrid approach, with some joining via Zoom and others in person. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. We are currently studying the Gospel of Matthew and the book of Genesis. For information, notes, and the Zoom link, contact Jack Reiffer via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

MAKE A PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

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



LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

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



JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP

Explore our many ministry groups at www.stjohns-dc.org, and contact the leaders via our online Ministry Directory for details or to sign up.

LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

The weekly 11 a.m. Sunday service is broadcast on our website and available for replay, as are evensongs and occasional other special services and events.

SECURITY MEASURES AT ST. JOHN'S

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

PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

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

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

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING, OR GRIEVING

From our parish: Bill Josey.

Friends and family of our parish: Conor Barry (Sarah Wood), Robert Bliss (Katherine Bliss and Mark Dennis), Chad (Wendy Fibison), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Dru Dowdy (Frances S. Tyler), Walt Eccard (Margaret Depue), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Laurie Feldon (Eleanor and Peter Odom), Blair Fiore (Debby Hailey), Peggy Fisher (Debby Hailey), Bob and Heather Gilbert (Andrea Winchell), Chantay Griffin (Charley Griffin and Gee Gee Bryant), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), Jane Lee (Claire Kim and Jess Unger), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Sunil Ramchand (Susan Cardwell), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Ashley M. Smith (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier),

Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), Caleb Williams (Alfred Thesmar), Darrel Williams (Caleb and James Hays-Reilly), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), Bess Williamson (Wendy Fibison), Andrew Woods (Johnathan Miller), and Judith York (Caroline Fisher).

THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

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

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

THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

From our parish: Janet Helgert.

Friends and family of our parish: Wilma Daubs (Kay Gilley) and Teri Nelson (Lisa Koehler).

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Philip Anfinrud, Paul Barkett, William Birdseye, Marion Blakey, Mark Cardwell, Ashley Coxe, Stephen Crochet, Elissa Edwards, John Gardner, Janet Helgert, John Kirchenbauer, Iona Lagera, Carter McElroy, Mila McGregor, Brandon Montgomery, Pierce Wiggins, Sang Yi, and Hannah Zeller.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

Bonnie and Charles Dewitt.

THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

Friends and family of our parish: Janie Abernethy (Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy), Philip L. Faris (Caroline and Steve Faris), and Charles Lewis, Jr. (Charles Lewis, Sr.), Rod & Evonne Ludema (Jack Reiffer).

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

WELCOME!

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

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

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

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

Vestry Leadership & Members

Alfred Thesmar, *Senior Warden*

Julia Koster, *Junior Warden*

Kate Benner, Brian Cordova-Brookey,

Kaye Edwards, Elizabeth Field,

Debby Hailey, Fruzsina Harsanyi,

Apiyo Oloya, Jack Reiffer, Brian Schoeneman,

Matthew Taylor, Trey Whitworth, and Jess Unger,

Members

Anya Kleymenova, *Treasurer*

Jane Reichard, *Assistant Treasurer*

Will Priest, *Secretary*

Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

Head Usher—James H. Czerwonky

Head Greeters—Eleanor and Peter Odom

Heads of Flower Guild

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

The Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell, *Associate Rector
for Family Ministry and Pastoral Care*

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

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

Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

Linda Morgan Stowe and John Chappell Stowe,
Interim Assistant Organists

John Stowe, *Chief Operating Officer*

Charley Griffin, *Parish Administrator*

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

Javier Obregon, *Sexton*

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

Anne Stone, *Publications*

ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT

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

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