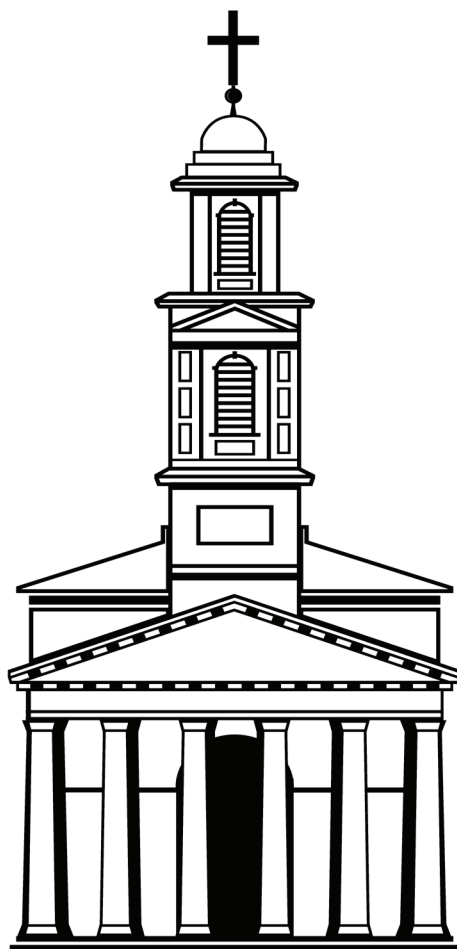


THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
April 6, 2025 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 9 and 11 a.m.



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.*

VOLUNTARY

O Traurigkeit, O Herzeleid

Ethel Smyth (1858–1944)

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
Hollandse 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

Isaiah 43:16-21

Please be seated.

9 a.m. Read by Jack Reiffer.

11 a.m. Read by Beth DuMond.

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 126

9 a.m. Led by Richard Young, said responsively by half verse.

11 a.m. Chanted by the choir.

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, *
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

(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 457

Thou art the Way, to thee alone

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

1 Thou art the Way, to thee a - lone from sin and death we flee;
2 Thou art the Truth, thy word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 Thou art the Life, the rend - ing tomb pro - claims thy con - quering arm;
4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,

and all who would the Fa - ther seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.
thou on - ly canst in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Words: George Washington Doane (1799-1859), alt. Music: *St. James*, Raphael Courteville (d. 1735).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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 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 Holly Sukenik.

Standing or kneeling as you are able.

11 a.m. Led by Jessica Sanchez.

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, in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Martin Luther King Jr. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann, our 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 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.**

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

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

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)

Sung by the choir.

*Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance,
jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,
de la paisible nuit, nous rompons le silence.
Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux.*

*Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante,
que tout l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix,
dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante,
qui la conduit l'oubli de tes lois!*

*O Christ sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle,
pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé;
reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle
et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé.*

—Jean Racine (1639–1699)

O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation,
eternal light of the earth and the sky,
on this thy holy day we kneel in adoration.
O Savior turn on us thy loving eye.

Send down on us the fire of thy grace all-consuming,
whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell,
and rouse our slumb'ring souls with radiance all-illuminating
that they may waken thy mercy to tell.

O Christ, bestow thy blessing on us, we implore thee,
who here are gathered on penitent knee.
Accept the hymns we chant to thine everlasting glory
and these thy gifts we return unto thee.

HYMN 488

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Standing as you are able.

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. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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.

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.

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

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 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

pleore 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 Leier*, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Con moto maestoso, Sonata III Op. 65 Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

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

ASSISTING AT THE 9 A.M. SERVICE

Rachel Pepper, *Crucifer* ♦ Annie Simonds and Hilary West, *Chalice Bearers*
Robyne Johnston, *Assistant Head Usher* ♦ Fruzsina Harsanyi and Kenny Kraft, *Ushers*
Dylan Hayden and Susan Valaskovic, *Greeters*
Katherine Kyle and Elizabeth Lewis, *Flower Guild*

ASSISTING AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE

Stewart Jeffries, *Crucifer* ♦ Walt Ehrich and Lizzie Rigby, *Acolytes*
Debby Hailey and Caroline Mazzocchi, *Chalice Bearers*
Jeff Agnew, *Assistant Head Usher*
Brian Cordova-Brookey and James Longley, *Ushers*
Krista Bradley and Larry Bradley, *Greeters*
Katherine Kyle and Elizabeth Lewis, *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.**

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 April 6

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Will Morris
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. Will Morris
- 10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor)
Holy Week Preview (Togo West Parlor; see next column)
Youth Group (Parish House Second Floor)
Adult Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor)
St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Will Morris
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor)
Parish Lunch (see next column)
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: Kings Cloister Circle, Alexandria; S. Manchester Street, Falls Church; and Chain Bridge Road, McLean.

HOLY WEEK PREVIEW

Today at 10 a.m. in Togo West Parlor

Interactive stations will be set up to help kids (and parents) learn about 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.

PARISH LUNCH

Today at noon | Hosted by Sisters at St. John's

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.



TOUR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Today at noon | Guided by Susan Cardwell

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. For an in-person tour of St. John's, meet at the front of the church near the baptismal font after the 11 a.m. service.

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

SERVICE SCHEDULE

April 7–13

Monday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Tuesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

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Thursday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

No noonday prayer on Friday: Memorial service (see below).

Palm Sunday—The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms
and Passion Reading

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, April 7

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

Tuesday, April 8

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

5 p.m. Silent Prayer Gatherings (see next column)

6:30 p.m. Lafayette Fellowship (see next column)

Wednesday, April 9

4:30 p.m. Advanced Choristers Rehearsal

Thursday, April 10

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsals

7 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 11

11 a.m. Memorial Service for Diane Spaulding
(all are welcome)

Saturday, April 12

9:30 a.m. Spring Adult Inquirers' Class

10 a.m. Easter Lily Organizing
Passion Reader Rehearsal

11 a.m. Refugee Supply Drive & Volunteer Day
(Offsite; see next column)

DISCOVER THE PRACTICE OF SILENT PRAYER

Final Tuesday evening in Lent: April 8, 5–6 p.m.

Join us at either St. John's or Virginia Theological Seminary on the evening of April 8 for a final silent prayer gathering, including 15 minutes of shared silence followed by a very simple contemplative Eucharist. Those at St. John's may then enjoy soup and salad with the Lafayette Fellowship (details below). The prayer locations this week are:

St. John's Church (1525 H Street, NW)

Convened by the Rev. Robert W. Fisher

The Oratory, Immanuel Chapel, Virginia Theological Seminary (3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria)

Convened by the Rev. Professor Sarah Coakley

Sign up at bit.ly/silent-prayer-lent-2025. Please aim to arrive by 5 p.m. The session will begin promptly at 5:15 p.m.

LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP SOUP AND SALAD

Tuesday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. in Togo West Parlor

Join the Lafayette Fellowship for soup, salad, and refreshments. Seminarian Caroline Mazzocchi will lead a group discussion offering a chance to reflect on our lenten journeys. For planning purposes, RSVP at bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events. Questions? Contact Hilary West via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

REFUGEE SUPPLY DRIVE & VOLUNTEER DAY

Saturday, April 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. John's Refugee Committee is hosting a supply drive and volunteer day in support of the LSSNCA Resource Center (lssnca.org), which serves as a hub for donations for refugee families and also arranges cultural orientation and group gatherings for recently resettled refugees.

To donate, choose from our online Amazon Wish List at bit.ly/sjc-refugee-supplies-spring-2025 or contact Lacy Broemel via the online Ministry Directory to arrange an in-person donation. The most pressing current needs are sugar, pillows, and new or gently used men's clothing (pants, shirts, and jeans) in sizes XS to medium.

You can also support the effort by volunteering to sort donations, stock shelves, pack orders for clients, and do light cleaning and inventory on Saturday, April 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lutheran Social Services Resource Center (5710A General Washington Drive, Alexandria). Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome. Contact the Refugee Committee at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory/ to let us know if you can attend or need a carpool.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER



PALM SUNDAY—April 13

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

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK—April 16

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



MAUNDY THURSDAY—April 17

- Noon Choral Eucharist with Foot Washing
- 5 p.m. Family Service with Eucharist, St. Cecilia Choir, Foot Washing, and Stripping of the Altar
- 7 p.m. Choral Eucharist with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY—April 18

Noon Good Friday Service with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

EASTER DAY—April 20

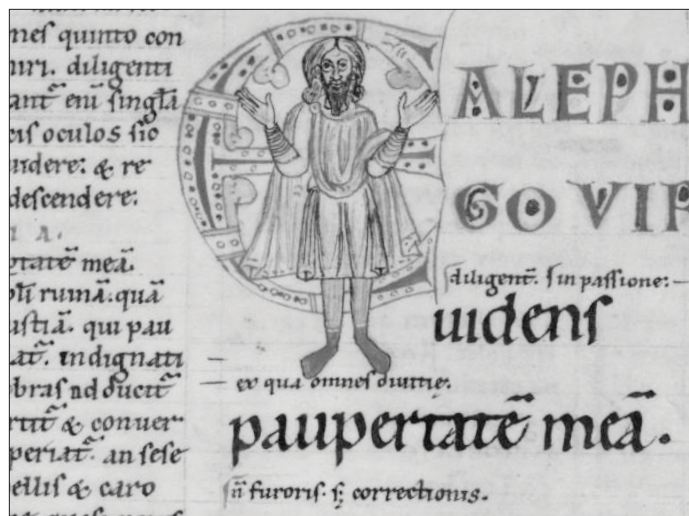
- 8 a.m. Eucharist with Hymns
- 9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Brass and Percussion
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Brass and Percussion

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

EASTER LILY DELIVERY

New Date: Sunday, April 13

Spread cheer this Easter by delivering at least one lily to a parishioner who cannot be present at worship at this time. The plants will be in the Parish House parlors on Palm Sunday, paired with cards addressed to parishioners who live near you in Virginia, Maryland, or Washington, D.C.



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Initial "E" with Jeremiah mourning. From an illustrated copy of *The Lamentations of Jeremiah* by Gilbertus Universalis (d. 1134).

CHORAL EVENSONG

Wednesday, April 16, at 5:30 p.m.

Join us for a contemplative service of Choral Evensong on Wednesday in Holy Week. The service will feature the deeply moving *Lamentations of Jeremiah* by Thomas Tallis alongside the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis from Thomas Tomkins' *Fifth Service*, accompanied by viol consort. These exquisite Renaissance works invite us into the mystery and sorrow of Holy Week, reflecting on the lament of Jerusalem. All are welcome to this time of prayer, scripture, and song as we prepare our hearts for the journey to the cross.

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 is available in the Colonial parking garage at 818 Connecticut Avenue, NW. Ask an usher for a validation ticket before or after the service. The service is also available via livestream on our website.

EASTER DAY FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The deadline for inclusion in the Easter Day order of service is Friday, April 11, at noon.

The flowers that enhance the beauty of the Church and Parish House are made possible by gifts from our community. Many are given as memorials and in thanksgiving for loved ones. Please consider remembering those who are important to you in this special way. The suggested donation is \$55 per name. Complete the following information on the form below, or visit our website to complete your gift online.

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. 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.

GRACE'S TABLE

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

Upcoming Dates: April 19 and May 17

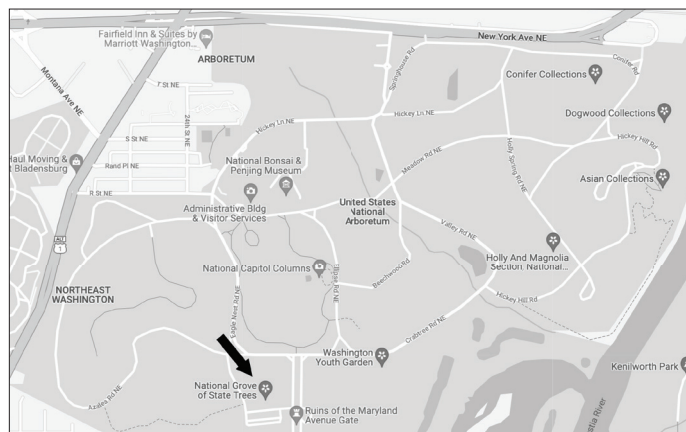
Grace's Table is an outreach partnership between St. John's and Grace Episcopal Church in Georgetown. Every third Saturday of the month, a group from St. John's prepares and serves a meal at Grace to folks who are unhoused or at risk of losing their housing. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to 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.

NATIONAL ARBORETUM AZALEA WALK

Saturday, April 26, at 10 a.m.

All ages are welcome on a walk through the azaleas at the National Arboretum, which are projected to be in peak bloom, followed by a celebration of the Eucharist. We will gather at the Grove of State Trees parking lot (see map). Enter the arboretum from New York Avenue, and allow extra time for possible slow traffic. Walking shoes, hats, and water bottles are encouraged, and there are picnic tables if you'd like to bring food. For more information and to RSVP or request a ride, contact the Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab of our website. Please include

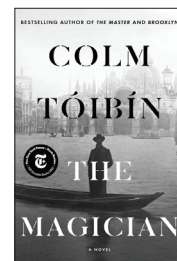
your cell phone number so we can contact you as needed.



ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

Thursday, May 1, at 7 p.m.

Please join us via Zoom to discuss *The Magician* by Colm Tóibín, an intriguing, fictionalized account of the life and times of Nobel Prize-winning German author Thomas Mann (1875–1955). 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.



LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, May 7, at 6:30 p.m.

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, but in May we will gather at St. Albans (3001 Wisconsin Avenue, NW) for a rooftop service and the chance to enjoy the Bishop's Garden. For more information, contact the Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey, our minister for youth and young adults, via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

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.

There will be no Speaker Series on April 6, 13, or 20.

May 4: Aaron Reichlin-Melnick, Senior Fellow, American Immigration Council, will present "Current Policies Impacting Immigrants, Refugees, and Service Providers."

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

PLEDGING AT ST. JOHN'S

As of Wednesday, April 2, we had received 297 pledges for a total of \$1,170,482.

Thank you to all who have already pledged to support the mission and ministry of St. John's. We treasure pledges of any size, big or small. If you still need to make a pledge for 2025, please pick up a card from the front desk or in the narthex of the church, or visit stjohns-dc.org/give/pledge to complete a form online. Thank you for your generosity!

SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH

Most Sundays after the 11 a.m. service

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

April 6 Sisters at St. John's
April 13 No Lunch: Palm Sunday
April 20 No Lunch: Easter Day

April 27 Kwasa
May 4 New Member Reception: All welcome
May 11 No Lunch: Mothers Day
May 18 Youth Group
May 25 No Lunch: Memorial Day Weekend
June 1 St. John's Pride
June 8 Pentecost Party

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 (see page 3), 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 27, at 11 a.m.

Class: Saturday, April 26, at 10 a.m.

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.



LIVESTREAM MINISTRY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

St. John's streams one Sunday service a week, the monthly choral evensong, Christmas and Holy Week services, and very occasional parish-wide events. The livestream offering has become particularly meaningful to parishioners unable to attend due to illness or travel, as well as to anyone anywhere seeking to learn more about St. John's. If you are curious about this ministry or want to join our volunteers, visit the livestream desk any Sunday after services or contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NURSERY HOURS

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.

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m.

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 Akers-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

YOUTH GROUP

Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m.

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.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Sundays during the sermon at 11 a.m. worship

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 Akers-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

Sundays during 11 a.m. worship

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.

CHORISTER PROGRAM

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.

REMINDERS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10 a.m.

This group gathers most Sunday mornings, with some joining via Zoom and others in person. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. For information, please contact Jack Reiffer via the Ministry Directory at 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.



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.

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

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.



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.

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: Margo Arnold, Sydney Brooks, Hyman Field, and David Springer.

Friends and family of our parish: 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), 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), 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), Geri Shapiro (Jordan Baugh), Louise Shaughnessy (Sarah Wood), 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), John Walsten (Emily and John Lucio), Richard Waycott (Louisa Waycott), Darrel Williams (Caleb and James 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, Jack Kinsey, Barney Malloy, Marcella Odom, Becky Schergens, and Paul Van Nice.

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), Janet Fischer (Ann Gardner), and Ian Paton (Frances Tyler).

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

From our parish: Thomas Bleha, March 26; and Lee Buddendeck, October 25, 2024.

Friends and family of our parish: Aquilia Aguilar Obregon, March 30 (Javier Obregon).

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

John Cherry, Ellie Eversole, Chris Gorud, Daniel Honeycutt, Thomas Keithley, Samuel Lancaster, Rita Leonelli, Haley Lysterly, Nathan Miller, Chloe Neufeld, Dixie Noonan, Nick Robischon, Chase W. Rynd, and John Staples.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

Brady and Sarah Demarest, Everett and Nora Haugh, Carl and Mary Raether, Annie and Will Simonds, and Alfred and Hilary Thesmar.

THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

Friends and family of our parish: Janie Abernethy (Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy), Anna Broadbent-Evelyn (Shawn Evelyn), and Philip L. Faris (Caroline and Steve Faris).

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

Nora Rigby, *Senior Warden*

Alfred Thesmar, *Junior Warden*

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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

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Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

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

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

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Lyn Loewi, *Associate Organist*

The Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey, *Minister for Youth and*
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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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