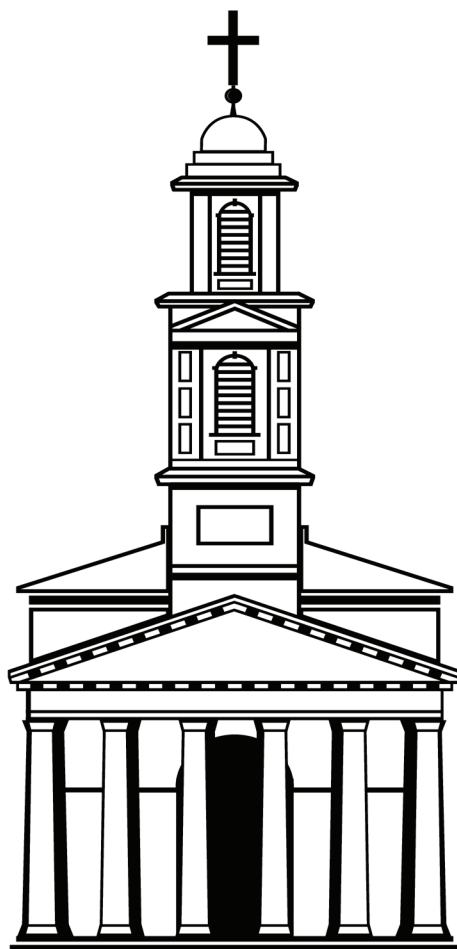


# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 21, 2026 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.



## SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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

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

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

Nursery care is available from 10 a.m. to noon on the second floor of the Parish House.

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

Please refrain from taking photos and videos during services.

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## VOLUNTARY

Arietta

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875–1912)

## HYMN 388

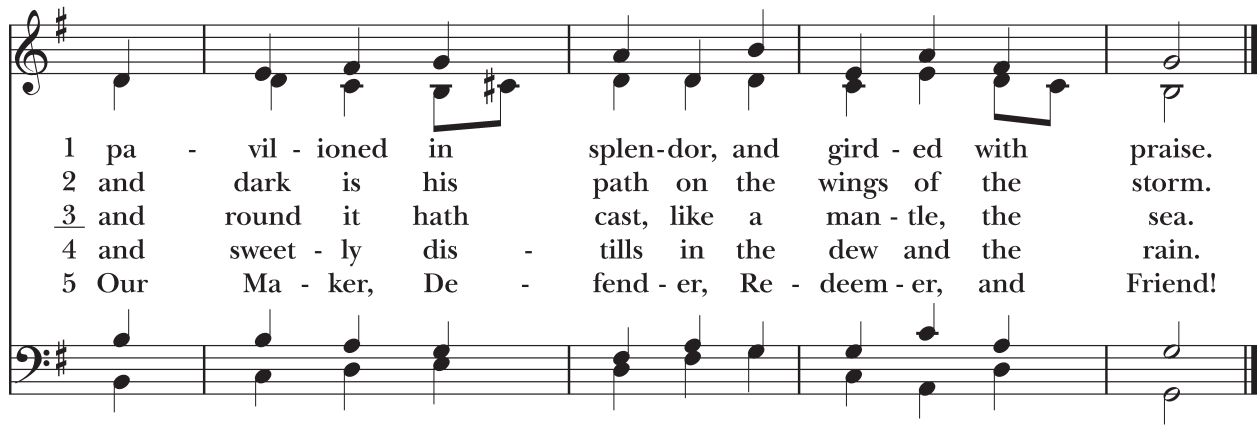
O worship the King, all glorious above!

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

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!  
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!  
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?  
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!  
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.  
3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,  
4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!



1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838). Music: *Hanover*, att. William Croft (1678-1727).

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Priest* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## GLORIA (S-280) *Sung by all.*

Robert Powell (1932-2025)



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-13

*Please be seated.*

*Read by Holly Sukenik.*

O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 69:8-20**

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

Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, \*  
and shame has covered my face.

I have become a stranger to my own kindred, \*  
an alien to my mother's children.

Zeal for your house has eaten me up; \*  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

I humbled myself with fasting, \*  
but that was turned to my reproach.

I put on sack-cloth also, \*  
and became a byword among them.

Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, \*  
and the drunkards make songs about me.

But as for me, this is my prayer to you, \*  
at the time you have set, O LORD:

“In your great mercy, O God, \*  
answer me with your unfailing help.

Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; \*  
let me be rescued from those who hate me  
and out of the deep waters.

Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,  
neither let the deep swallow me up; \*  
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; \*  
in your great compassion, turn to me.”

“Hide not your face from your servant; \*  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

Draw near to me and redeem me; \*  
because of my enemies deliver me.”

*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 675

Take up your cross, the Savior said

*Sung by all, standing as you are able. Stanzas 1 & 2 will be sung before the Gospel, stanzas 4 & 5 after.*



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if  
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill  
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and  
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your  
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -  
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.  
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.  
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt. Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. John Leon Hooker (b. 1944).

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

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

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

Jesus said to the twelve apostles, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father

or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Following the Gospel, all sing stanzas 4 & 5 of the gradual hymn.*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Jack Reiffer

*The Rev. Jack Reiffer is a member at St. John's and leads the Pastoral Care Committee and Adult Bible Study. He was ordained in the Christian Reformed Church before joining the Episcopal Church in 1998.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

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

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

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

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Led by Martha Ellison.*

*Kneeling or standing as you are able.*

*Intercessor* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence.*

*Intercessor* For all people in their daily life and work;

*People* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Intercessor* For Donald, our President, the leaders of Congress, the Supreme Court, and all who are in authority; for this community, the nation, and the world;

*People* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Intercessor* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, oppression, and war.**

*Intercessor* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*People* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Intercessor* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*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. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann, our Bishop; and Eugene, our Assistant Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers.

*People* **For all who serve God in the Church.**

*Intercessor* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation . . . Hear us, Lord;

*People* **For your mercy is great.**

*Intercessor* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life . . . We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Intercessor* We pray for all who have died . . . , that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*People* **Who put their trust in you.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

*Intercessor* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence.*

*All* **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

## THE PEACE

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

*People* **And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

You may make an offering by placing your donation in the plate, or use this QR code to pay electronically.  
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## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

We shall walk through the valley in peace

Undine Smith Moore

*Sung by the choir.*

(1904–1989)

We shall walk through the valley in peace. We shall walk through the valley in peace.  
For Jesus himself will be our leader. We shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no trials there. There will be no trials there.  
For Jesus himself will be our leader. We shall walk through the valley in peace.

—*Negro Spiritual*

## HYMN 655

O Jesus, I have promised

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



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end:  
2 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee,



be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;  
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;  
that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;



I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,  
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.  
O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.  
O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Words: John Ernest Bode (1816-1874), alt. Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948).  
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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Priest* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### SANCTUS (S-129) *Sung by all.*

Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

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

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our ancestors in faith; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Priest* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**FRACTION ANTHEM (S-163)** *Sung by all.*

Robert Powell

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

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

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*Priest* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All persons, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Wait for an usher to call your pew to come forward. You will first be handed a wafer by a priest (gluten-free wafers are available by request) and then offered wine by a lay server. You may either sip the wine or dip your wafer into the wine. Receiving the bread alone is a valid way to share in the Eucharist. Parents may decide if their children receive the bread and/or wine. All may instead signal their desire to be blessed by the priest by crossing their arms over their chest.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM**      Mercy and truth are met together      Ned Rorem (1923–2023)

*Sung by the choir.*

Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed.  
 Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.  
 Yea, the Lord shall show loving-kindness, and our land shall yield her increase.  
 Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be the pathway of his steps.

—*Psalm 85:10-13*

**HYMN 325** *Sung by all, seated.*      Let us break bread together on our knees

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*  
 when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,  
 O Lord, have mer - cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_

Words: African-American spiritual. Music: *Let Us Break Bread*, Afro-American spiritual; arr. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950).

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Priest* Let us pray.

*All* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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.

*In observance of Juneteenth, today's closing hymn is "Lift Every Voice," often called the Black National Anthem. We remain in place to sing this hymn, out of respect for its historical and spiritual significance. The clergy and choir will process out during the organ voluntary that follows.*

## HYMN LEVAS 1

## Lift Every Voice

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

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en  
 2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - 'ning  
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

1. ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -  
 2. rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had  
 3. tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

1. ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - 'ning  
 2. died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y  
 3. way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in - to the

1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 2. feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?  
 3. light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 2. We have come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 3. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thee;

1. Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has  
 2. We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the  
 3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

1. brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new  
 2. slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we  
 3. get thee, Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for -

1. day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 2. stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 3. ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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## THE DISMISSAL

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Celebration

Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951)

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

### ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

Kenny Kraft, *Crucifer*

Matthew Taylor and Hilary West, *Chalice Bearers*

Jeff Agnew, *Assistant Head Usher*

Doug Estes, Patricia Leslie, and Jess Unger, *Ushers*

John Lucio and Patrick Smith, *Greeters*

Joanne Hutton, *Flower Guild*

Jeremy Sheeler, *Livestream Technician*

Please help us be good stewards of the environment.

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

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## ARE YOU NEW TO ST. JOHN'S?

Please let us know who you are and how we can best serve you by filling out a "Welcome" card and leaving it in the offering plate or giving it to an usher or greeter. **Free valet parking** is available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sundays; look for the valet sign at the corner of 16th and H streets, NW. Find us on **Instagram** at @stjohnschurchlafayettesquare or visit [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org) for more about our offerings and how to get in touch.

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# Announcements for the Week of June 21

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## TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

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*Children's Chapel is offered during the sermon at 10:30 a.m.*

*Preaching this morning: The Rev. Jack Reiffer*

- 8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon
  - 9:30 a.m. Summer Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor; see next column)
  - 10 a.m. Nursery—available until noon (Parish House Second Floor)
  - 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon
  - 11:30 a.m. Special Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor; see next column)
- Church Tour (see next page)



### FLOWER DELIVERIES

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

Today flower deliveries are needed to: 4th Street, NE; Burns Street, SE; and Grays Pointe Road, Fairfax.

### COFFEE HOUR CELEBRATIONS

Join us for cupcakes and refreshments after the 10:30 a.m. service in celebration of Juneteenth and Pride Month. Today we reflect on our shared responsibility to build communities where every person is treated with dignity, where diverse voices are valued, and where all people have the opportunity to thrive. May we all be inspired to deepen our understanding of our history, strengthen our commitment to one another, and continue the work of creating a more just and inclusive future.

**Juneteenth**, celebrated on June 19, marks the day in 1865 when the last enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, learned of their freedom, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued. It serves as both a celebration of liberation and a reminder that the pursuit of equity, justice, and opportunity requires our continued commitment. We honor the resilience, courage, and enduring contributions of Black Americans whose sacrifices and perseverance continue to shape our nation. Juneteenth is not just a commemoration of the end of a dark chapter, but a vital reminder of the long, ongoing journey toward true systemic equity, justice, and economic opportunity.

**Pride Month** (June) is a time to celebrate the lives, love, and gifts of LGBTQIA+ people and to recommit ourselves to the ongoing work of inclusion and justice. Yesterday, members of St. John's joined fellow Episcopalians from across the Diocese of Washington at the Capital Pride Parade—one expression of our conviction that our LGBTQIA+ siblings are not merely welcomed but are genuine blessings to this community and to the Body of Christ.

### SUMMER CHOIR

**Sundays at 9:30 a.m. through Labor Day**

Singers of all levels are invited to sing with the Summer Choir, which rehearses each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for the 10:30 a.m. service. **There is absolutely no midweek commitment, and you are welcome to sing for as many or as few Sundays as you are able.** Come explore our

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choral program and get to know members of our adult choirs! Since it is helpful to know in advance what singers are available each week, and on which parts, please contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website to sign up or learn more.



## TOUR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Today at 11:30 a.m.

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

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE | June 22–28

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**Monday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Tuesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Wednesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Thursday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Friday**—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

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

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

*Children's Chapel offered during the sermon at 10:30 a.m.*

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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**Monday, June 22**

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

**Tuesday, June 23**

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

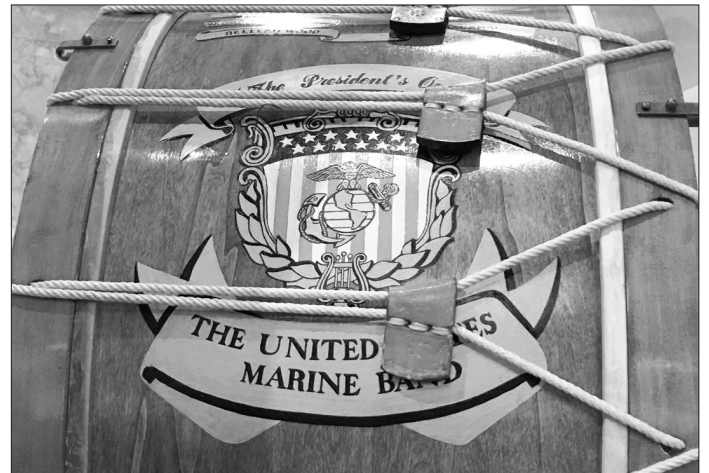
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## COMING UP

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### OFFICE CLOSING FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Please note that the Parish Office will close at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 2, and remain closed on Friday, July 3, as we commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States.



### FIFE AND DRUM SERVICE

Sunday, July 5, at 10:30 a.m. | Reception follows

Join us at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 5, for our annual Fife and Drum service featuring the Summer Choir and guest musicians offering music in celebration of Independence Day. Highlights include "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Stars and Stripes Forever," and other music representative of the history and culture of America. Stick around after the service to enjoy celebratory ice cream treats.

### BIDDING A FOND FAREWELL

Sunday, July 12

After four years of faithful service as associate rector, the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell has accepted a call as Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Silver Spring. Please hold Sarah, Amanda, and Sam in your prayers as they step into this exciting new chapter—and join us on Sunday, July 12, to celebrate Sarah's final day of ministry at St. John's.



*We have formed a small committee, under the leadership of Debby Hailey, to seek and hire a new minister for children and families who will join the staff in time for the new program year in the fall.*

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## LATROBE FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH

**Sunday, July 12, after the 10:30 a.m. service**

The Latrobe Fellowship is a vibrant group of young adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. During the summer, we gather for a monthly brunch and other outings, instead of our usual Wednesday evening meetings. The regular schedule will resume in September. On Sunday, July 12, we will meet in the sanctuary around 11:30 a.m. to walk to Founding Farmers (1924 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW)—or you can join us there. For more details or to connect with the group, contact Will Yale via the Connect: Ministry Directory tab on our website.

## GRACE'S TABLE

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

*Upcoming dates: July 18 and August 15*

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.

## SUMMER POST-CHURCH POTLUCK

**Sunday, July 19, at 11:30 a.m.**

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

## ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

**Thursday, August 6, at 7 p.m. | *No meeting in July***

The book group is currently on summer hiatus. We will next convene on Thursday, August 6, to share our personal book recommendations. Please come prepared with a few of your favorite titles to share! The book group typically meets via Zoom on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information and the link, contact us via the directory at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

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## PARISH PILGRIMAGE IN 2027



### OXFORD, LONDON, AND CANTERBURY

**Join us on tour in England | August 18–30, 2027**

Next summer, the Rector and choirs of St. John's invite you to join a parish pilgrimage to the historic heart of the Anglican Communion: from Oxford and London to Canterbury, the ancient see from which our tradition has spread throughout the world.

During the journey, the choirs of St. John's will offer Choral Evensong at three of England's great cathedral churches: Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford; Southwark Cathedral, London; and Canterbury Cathedral, where the choir will serve a week-long residency. In each place, our worship will take part in the centuries-old rhythm of daily prayer that continues to shape Anglican life and spirituality today.

You are invited along as we encounter the theological, intellectual, and artistic inheritance of our tradition through worship, architecture, music, and reflection in some of the most significant places in Anglican history. Those interested are encouraged to contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

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## NEWS & NOTICES

### OUR RECTOR IS ON SUMMER SABBATICAL



The Rev. Rob Fisher is on sabbatical through August 17. Our clergy, staff, and lay leaders are covering the pastoral, liturgical, and operational needs of the church during Rob's time away.

## PLEASE PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

As of Tuesday, June 16, we had received 285 pledges, totaling commitments of \$1,136,912 for the current year. Your pledge signals an intent to offer financial support to St. John's in 2026. It can be fulfilled in a one-time annual payment, or paid weekly, monthly, or on the schedule of your choosing. Make your pledge online on our website ([stjohns-dc.org/give/pledge](http://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.



## 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. The next dates for baptism and the required pre-baptismal class with the clergy at St. John's are:

**Sunday, November 1, at 9 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, October 31, at 10 a.m.*

## 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](http://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.

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## FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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### NURSERY CARE | Sundays, 10 a.m. to noon

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 10:30 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 the 10:30 a.m. service. Children gather by the pulpit during the gradual hymn and process to the Parish House for a song, homily, and prayer time, returning to the sanctuary at the Peace. Parents may accompany their children and are encouraged to do so for those younger than three. Children are also welcome to stay and worship in the main sanctuary. Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

### RESUMING AFTER LABOR DAY

**Church School**—Children in pre-K through fifth grade may participate in Church School on the second floor of the Parish House from 10 to 10:50 a.m. most Sundays of the school year. Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website with questions.

**Youth Group**—Middle and high school youth are invited to the Parish House second floor for an exploration of life and faith with their peers, most Sundays at 10 a.m., from September through May. Questions? Contact the Rev. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

**The Acolyte Ministry**—September through May, youth in 6th grade and above participate during worship by serving as torch bearers or crucifers and helping set the altar for communion. Contact Vincent Scauzzo via [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory) for details.

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## REMINDERS

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### 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.



### LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

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



### JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP

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

### LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

The weekly 10:30 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.

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY | Resuming in September

During the program year, this group gathers most Sunday mornings, using a hybrid approach, with some joining via Zoom and others in person, with weekly study materials provided by email. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. To join our email list or find out more, contact Jack Reiffer via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org).

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## PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

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

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

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

**From our parish:** Cay Buser, Andy McKinnon, Jim Mullins, and Eleanor Odom.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Patricia Akes (Sarah and Amanda Akes-Cardwell), Robert Bliss (Katherine Bliss and Mark Dennis), Chad (Wendy Fibison), Paul Colloton (Jack Reiffer), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), William and Jane Dennis (Katherine Bliss and Mark Dennis), Ann Dilworth (Sydney Brooks), Dru Dowdy (Frances S. Tyler), Walt Eccard (Margaret Depue), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Laurie Feldon (Eleanor and Peter Odom), 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), Suzanne Leslie (Kate Benner), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy

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McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Mark Mousouris (Chris Northrop), James Mullins (Tony Anikeeff), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Norman Phillips (Susan Cardwell), Susan Price (Richard Price), 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), Wendy Willett (Meg Carter and Doug Arnold), 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, Larry Redway, 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**

**Friends and family of our parish:** Wilma Daubs (Kay Gilley) and Joel King (Susan Cardwell).

**THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY**

Elizabeth Bartheld, Richard Busch, Milton Chamberlain, Bayley Garland, Katie Hantson, Summer Hardinge, Pamela C. Lottmann, Sylvia Martin Estes, Jo Ornstein, Carlos Reyes, Katherine Simonds, Helen Stock, Elizabeth Thesmar, Ellen Vollrath, and Franklin Wyman.

**THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY**

Annette and Philip Anfinrud, Marion Blakey and William Dooley, Joe Creech and Stephanie DeLong, and James Kreger and Thom Sinclair.

**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.).



## WELCOME!

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

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

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

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

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### Vestry Leadership & Members

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. Cn. Maurice Dyer, *Assisting Priest*

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

Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

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*

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### ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT

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

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