

## THE DAY OF PENTECOST

May 24, 2026 ♦ Baptism & Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m.



# SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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

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

*All are invited to participate in the service as able. Congregational responses appear in **bold**.  
Nursery care is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Parish House.*

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

*Please refrain from taking photos or videos during services.*

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**VOLUNTARY**

Choral varié sur le thème du “Veni Creator” Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

**HYMN 225**

Hail thee, festival day!

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

*Refrain*

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for  
 ev - er, day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the  
 world with God's grace. *First time only* | 2 | grace.

1 Lo, in the like - ness of fire, on those who a -  
 3 Hark! for in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his —  
 wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the  
 cho - sen a - pos - tles, preach to the  
 Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly, de - scends: *Repeat Refrain*  
 ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:

2 Forth from the Fa - ther he comes with seven - fold —  
 4 Praise to the Spi - rit of Life, all praise to the  
 my - sti - cal of - fering, pou - ring on all hu - man  
 fount of our be - ing, light that dost light - en —  
 souls in - fin - ite rich - es of God: *Repeat Refrain*  
 all, life that in all dost a - bide:

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## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Priest* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Priest* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Priest* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

*Please be seated.*

*Read by Joanne Hutton.*

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 104:25-35, 37**

*Sung by the choir; chant by James Turlle (1802–1882)*

O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all; t  
he earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

GRADUAL HYMN 516

Come down, O Love divine

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

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the religious authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

## THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*Please remain seated until invited to stand as you are able.*

*Priest* The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented by their Sponsors, as follows*

*Sponsor* I present Brian Lee Mack to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Priest* Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidate* I do.

*Sponsor* I present Annabelle Mariah Ricketts to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Priest* Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidate* I do.

*The younger candidate is presented by her Parents and Godparents, as follows*

*Parents and Godparents* We present Margaret Lewis Smith to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents*

*Priest* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Priest* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*The Celebrant then asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infant.*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*The Celebrant then addresses the congregation, saying*

*Priest* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Priest* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Priest* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Priest* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Priest* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Priest* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will with God's help.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

*Led by Beth DuMond.*

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Priest* Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Intercessor* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*Please be seated.*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

*The priest continues*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

*Each candidate is presented by name to the priest, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying*

*Priest* Brian, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*People* Amen.

*Priest* Brian, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

*People* Amen.

*Priest* Annabelle, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*People* Amen.

*Priest* Annabelle, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

*People* Amen.

*Priest* Marnie, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*People* Amen.

*Priest* Marnie, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

*People* Amen.

*When all have been baptized, the Priest says*

*Priest* Let us pray.

*All* Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

## WELCOMING HYMN 490

I want to walk as a child of the light

*Standing as you are able. The choir sings the verses; the people sing the refrain.*

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

The musical score is written for two systems. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the day are both a - like. The". The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The bass line provides a harmonic foundation with block chords and single notes.

The image shows two systems of musical notation. The first system is for the lyrics "Lamb is the light of the city of God." and includes a *rit.* (ritardando) marking. The second system is for the lyrics "Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus." and includes an *a tempo* marking. Both systems feature a treble and bass clef staff with lyrics written below the notes.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
 Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*  
 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
 When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

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*Priest* Let us welcome the newly baptized.  
*All* We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified,  
 proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

## THE PEACE

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*You may make an offering by placing your donation in the plate, or use this QR code to pay electronically.  
 A donation via this code can go only to offerings and not to pledges or any other specific funds.*



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Listen, sweet dove

Katherine Webb (b. 1990)

*Sung by the choir.*

Listen, sweet dove, unto my song and spread thy golden wings in me,  
hatching my tender heart so long, till it get wing and flie away with thee.

His sunne, which once did shine alone, hung down his head and wisht for night  
when he beheld twelve sunnes for one going about the world and giving light.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow, that the earth did like a heav'n appeare,  
the starres were coming down to know if they might mend their wages and serve here.

Lord, though we change, thou art the same, the same sweet God of love and light;  
restore this day for thy great Name, unto his ancient and miraculous right.

—George Herbert (1593–1633)

## HYMN LEVAS 120

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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



1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, \_\_\_\_\_ And I  
(2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive \_\_\_\_\_ Till you  
(3. If you) say He saved you from your sin, \_\_\_\_\_ Now you're



1. know that it's the Spir - it of \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ There are  
2. know Him in His full - ness, and \_\_\_\_\_ be - lieve. \_\_\_\_\_ You're the  
3. weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, \_\_\_\_\_ you can



1. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, \_\_\_\_\_ And I  
2. one to pro - fit when you say, \_\_\_\_\_ "I am  
3. make it right if you will yield; \_\_\_\_\_ You'll en -



1. know they feel the pres - ence of \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. going to walk with Je - sus all \_\_\_\_\_ the way." \_\_\_\_\_  
3. joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that \_\_\_\_\_ we feel. \_\_\_\_\_

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,  
 Stay right here with us, — fill - ing us with your love.  
 And for these bless - ings — we lift our hearts in  
 praise; With - out a doubt we'll know — that we have  
 been re - vived when we shall leave this place. 1.-2. There are  
 3. If you place.

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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.**

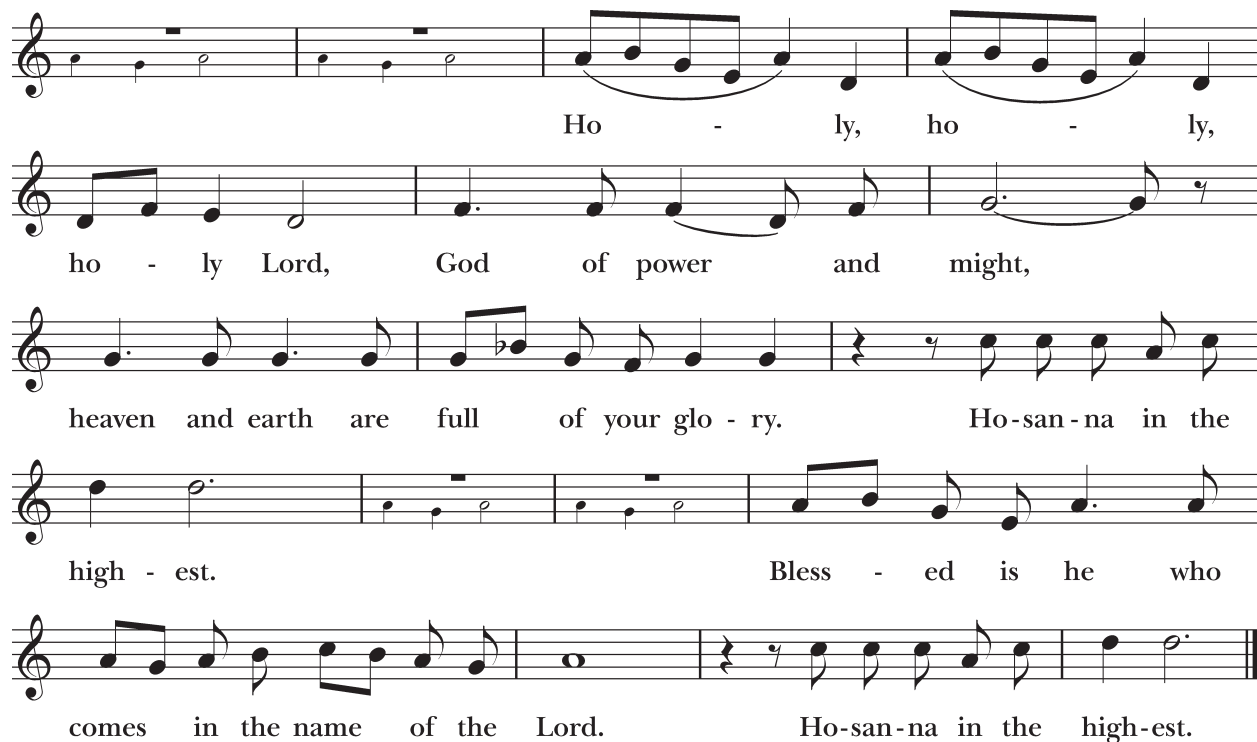
*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

William Mathias (1934–1992)



Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*People* **We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

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

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM (S-165) *Sung by all.*

William Mathias

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy  
 on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy  
 on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your 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

Veni Creator Spiritus

Michael John Trotta (b. 1978)

*Sung by the choir.*

*Veni Creator Spiritus, mentes tuorum visita, imple superna gratia quae tu creasti pectora.  
Veni Sancte Spiritus, reple tuorum corda fidelium, et tui amoris in eis ignem accende.  
Emitte Spiritum tuum et creabuntur. Et renovabis faciem terrae.*

Come, Creator Spirit, visit your souls, fill with heavenly grace the hearts you have created.  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and ignite them with your love.  
Send out your Spirit and they will be created. And you will renew the face of the earth.

—*Veni Creator Spiritus: Latin, 9th century. Veni Sancte Spiritus: Latin, 16th century*

## HYMN 504 *Sung by all, seated.*

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire



1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire, and light - en  
3. Thy bless - ed unc - tion from a - bove is com - fort,  
5. A - noint and cheer our soil - ed face with the a -



with ce - les - tial fire. 2. Thou the a - noint - ing  
life, and fire of love. 4. En - a - ble with per -  
bun-dance of thy grace. 6. Keep far our foes, give



Spi - rit art, who dost thy seven - fold gifts im - part.  
pet - ual light the dull - ness of our blind - ed sight.  
peace at home: where thou art guide, no ill can come.



7. Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, and thee, of



both, to be but One, 8. that through the a - ges



all a - long, this may be our end - less song:

9. praise to thy e - ter - nal mer - it,  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

Words: Latin, 9th cent.; tr. John Cosin (1594-1672); para. of *Veni Creator Spiritus*. Music: *Veni Creator Spiritus*, plainsong, Mode 8; acc. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).

## 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.**

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the  
 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic  
 3 O Spi - rit, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, our peo - ple shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its  
 runs a - main by moun - tain pass or val - ley low; wher -  
 firm - a - ment; O Wind of hea - ven, by thy might save  
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed li - mits keep: O hear us when we  
 ev - er, Lord, thy peo - ple go, pro - tect them by thy  
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 guard - ing hand from ev - ery per - il on the land.  
 watch - ful care from ev - ery per - il in the air.  
 rise to thee glad praise from space, air, land, and sea.

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## THE DISMISSAL

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

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## VOLUNTARY

Hymne d'Actions de grâces "Te Deum"

Jean Langlais (1907–1991)

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

and in thanksgiving for the baptism today of Brian Lee Mack,  
Annabelle Mariah Ricketts, and Margaret “Marnie” Lewis Smith.

**WE CELEBRATE THOSE FROM OUR PARISH CONFIRMED ON MAY 9, 2026**

**Youth**—Henry Blinkhorn Chew, Walton Valliant Ehrich, John Thomas Herzog Jr.,  
Grant William Rother Lucio, and Elizabeth Hope Rigby.

**Adults**—Christopher Gene Alora, Douglas McNeil Arnold, Megan Elizabeth Hermosillo Beeson,  
Joshua Ira Nijar Burns, Alexander Thomas Frye, Bruce Evan Johnson,  
Georgia Murphy Johnson, Byron Poindexter II, Claire Rhodes, Bianca Menegazzi Ricketts,  
Douglas Moyer Ricketts, and Roderick Murchison Todd.

**ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE**

Anya Kleymenova, *Crucifer*  
Benj Chew and Ugo Owunwanne, *Acolytes*  
Kevin Cordova-Brookey and Doug Estes, *Chalice Bearers*  
Hap Rigby, *Assistant Head Usher*  
RJ Lyerly, Randall Roe, and Karen Zachary, *Ushers*  
Becca Brown Todd and Roderick Todd, *Greeters*  
Lily Venzke and Pamela Farrell Venzke, *Flower Guild*  
Jeremy Sheeler, *Livestream Technician*

Please help us be good stewards of the environment.

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

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**ARE YOU NEW TO ST. JOHN’S?**

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

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# Announcements for the Week of May 24

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## TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

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*Children's Chapel offered during the sermon at 9 a.m. only.*

*Preaching this morning: The Rev. Rob Fisher*

- 8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon  
Parish Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 8:30 a.m. Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m.  
(Parish House Second Floor)
- 9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon
- 10 a.m. Pentecost Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather  
permitting, or Parish House First Floor)  
Church School: Making Pentecost Lanterns  
(Togo West Parlor)  
Adult Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor)  
*Please note: Final session until after Labor Day*  
St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon
- Noon Pentecost Reception (Plaza, weather  
permitting, or Parish House First Floor)  
Church Tour (see next column)

### FLOWER DELIVERIES

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

**Today flower deliveries are needed to: Westbard Avenue, Bethesda.**

### PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS

**Today at 11 a.m., with reception to follow**

Today is the Day of Pentecost, when we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples, and the birth of the early church. We commemorate the day with baptisms during the 11 a.m. service. We also recognize parishioners who were confirmed at Washington National Cathedral earlier this month. Please gather to celebrate these parishioners and mark the feast of Pentecost as a parish. The 11 a.m. service will be followed by a cake reception.

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

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

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE | May 25–31

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*Monday—No noontime service—Memorial Day*

**Tuesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Wednesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist  
5:30 p.m.—Evensong (see next page)

**Thursday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Friday**—12:10 p.m.—Noontime Prayer

**Sunday**—The Rev. Will Morris, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

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

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

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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### Monday, May 25—Memorial Day

All Day Parish Office closed

### Wednesday, May 27

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong and Reception (see below)

### Thursday, May 28

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

7 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

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## COMING UP

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### FINAL CHORAL EVENSONG OF THE SEASON

Wednesday, May 27, at 5:30 p.m.

*Sung by the St. John's Choir, Parish Choir, and Choristers*

St. John's offers Evensong on the last Wednesday of most months from September through May. The service begins at 5:30 p.m. and is followed by a reception in the Togo West Parlor. Validated parking is available. **Please see below for details about our new garage for weeknight events.** The service will also be available via livestream.

### NEW PARKING FOR WEEKNIGHT EVENTS

The garage we have used during weekday evening events recently shortened its hours, so we have established a new relationship with the garage at **1575 I Street, NW**, where parking is available until 11 p.m. weeknights. When they ask you to pay (on arrival), tell them you will be returning with a validated ticket from St. John's good for free parking.

### PARISH RECOGNITIONS

**Christian Formation Leaders & High School Seniors**  
Sunday, May 31, at 11 a.m.

On Sunday, May 31, we will recognize our graduating high school seniors and offer thanks for our many Christian educators who have served in Church School, Youth Group, Speaker Series, Being With, and other Christian formation programming this year, including the head of acolytes. We ask all teachers to be present at the 11 a.m. service as you are able—and all others to join us for this parish-wide celebration and the end of the program year.



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### SKYLARK VOCAL ENSEMBLE IN CONCERT

Sunday, May 31, at 2 p.m. | Ticketed event

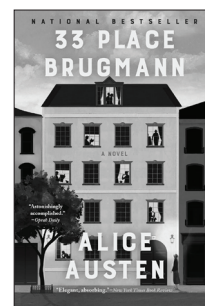
Save the date for a performance by Skylark, one of America's leading vocal ensembles. Their program, "Clear Voices in the Dark," pairs music from the American Civil War with Poulenc's *Figure Humaine*, which was composed in secret during the Nazi occupation of France in 1943—two moments of national crisis and the music that arose from them. The recording earned two Grammy nominations, including Best Choral Performance. This tour is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and Marriott Family Philanthropies. We hope you will join us on Trinity Sunday for this exciting performance at St. John's. Purchase tickets at [www.skylarkensemble.org/clearvoices2026](http://www.skylarkensemble.org/clearvoices2026) and enter promo code SJLS for a discounted price.

### ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

Thursday, June 4, at 7 p.m.

Please join us via Zoom to discuss the novel *33 Place Brugmann* by Alice Austen. Set in World War II in Nazi-occupied Brussels, the story centers on the mysterious disappearance of a Jewish family—and their art collection.

The book group typically meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information and the link, contact us via the directory at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).



### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE TO BEGIN

Here's the lineup starting Sunday, June 7

- 8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon
- 9:30 a.m. Summer Choir (*starts June 21; see next page*)
- 10 a.m. Nursery—available until noon
- 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon and Children's Chapel
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour  
Church Tour (when scheduled)

*Free valet parking available Sundays, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Speak to an usher to learn more.*

## SUMMER POST-CHURCH POTLUCKS

**Sundays, June 7 and July 19, at 11:30 a.m.**

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

## HONORING PRESTON CHEROUNY

**Sunday, June 14, at 10:30 a.m. | Reception follows**

Preston Cherouny, who served at St. John’s for many years, most recently as Chief Operating Officer, will be honored for his dedication to the church on Sunday, June 14, during the 10:30 a.m. service and at a festive reception afterward.



## LATROBE FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH

**Sunday, June 14, 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 will gather for a monthly brunch and other outings, instead of our usual Wednesday evening meetings. The regular schedule will resume in September. Our first lunch will take place on Sunday, June 14. Gather in the sanctuary around 11:30 a.m. to walk together to Dauphine’s (1100 15th Street, NW) or meet us there. For more details or to connect with the group, contact the Rev. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

## GRACE’S TABLE

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

*Upcoming dates: June 20 and July 18*

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 CHOIR BEGINS JUNE 21

Singers of all stripes are invited to join the Summer Choir, which sings for the 10:30 a.m. service from Sunday, June 21, through Labor Day weekend. Rehearsal begins each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. **There is no midweek commitment, and you are welcome to sing for as many or as few Sundays as you are able.** This is a great opportunity to explore the choral program at St. John’s and to get to know members of the St. John’s Choir and Parish Choir who will be on hand to lend their voices as well. Please contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website with questions or to learn more about the music program at St. John’s.



## FIFE AND DRUM SERVICE

**Sunday, July 7, at 10:30 a.m.**

Join us at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 7, for our annual Fife and Drum service featuring the Summer Choir and guest musicians offering music in celebration of Independence Day. Highlights include “The Battle Hymn of the Republic,” “Stars and Stripes Forever,” and other music representative of the history and culture of America.

*To make a donation in support of the special music on Fife and Drum Sunday, please contact Brent Erstad through the About: Leadership tab on our website.*

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## NEWS & NOTICES

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### SUMMER SABBATICAL FOR THE RECTOR

Our rector, the Rev. Rob Fisher, will be taking sabbatical time this summer, from June 1 through August 17. Our clergy, staff, and lay leaders are preparing to cover the pastoral, liturgical, and operational needs of the church during Rob's time away.

### CLERGY TRANSITION

After four years of faithful, thoughtful service as our associate rector, the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell has accepted a call as Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Silver Spring. Sarah's last Sunday with us will be July 12. We will gather to celebrate her ministry on that day. More details will follow soon.



This is a wonderful and well-deserved next step, and while we will miss Sarah, we celebrate with her and give thanks for all she has given this community—in the pulpit, in the Sunday school classrooms, at the altar, and at the bedside. Please hold Sarah, Amanda, and Sam in your prayers as they step into this new chapter.

We have formed a small committee, which will be 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.

### PLEASE PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

As of Tuesday, May 19, we had received 280 pledges, totaling commitments of \$1,131,612 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 it can be 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. Thank you!

### 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/](http://bit.ly/)

[sjc-federal-survey](http://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.

### PARISH LUNCH SCHEDULE AND HOSTS

#### Most Sundays after the 11 a.m. service

Sunday lunch at St. John's is a longtime tradition in which every member and every visitor can participate. It's a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones—a time for fellowship and for hearing another's story. The lunch is held most Sundays in the Parish House. Contributions of \$5 for adults and young people 13 and over and \$2 for children under 13 are requested to help defray the costs of the lunch. All are welcome. Valet parking hours are extended to 2 p.m. any Sunday with a parish lunch.

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

*May 24 No Lunch: Memorial Day Weekend*

**May 31 Host needed—Are you able to help?**



### FOR THOSE SEEKING TO BE BAPTIZED

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

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

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

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## FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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

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

### **CHILDREN'S CHAPEL**

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

Most Sundays, kids from birth through grade 5 are invited to participate in a special liturgy just for them during the sermon at 9 and 11 a.m. services. Children gather by the pulpit during the gradual hymn and process to the Parish House for a song, homily, and prayer time, returning to the sanctuary at the Peace. Parents may accompany their children and are encouraged to do so for those younger than three. Children are also welcome to stay and worship in the main sanctuary. Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

### **CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES**

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

Children in pre-K through fifth grade may participate in Church School on the second floor of the Parish House most Sundays of the school year. For information, contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

### **YOUTH GROUP**

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

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



### **CHORISTER PROGRAM | September through May**

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

### **THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY | September through May**

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

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## REMINDERS

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

This group gathers most Sunday mornings, using a hybrid approach, with some joining via Zoom and others in person. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. From Easter to Pentecost we are studying Paul's Epistle to the Romans. For information, notes, and the Zoom link, contact Jack Reiffer via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org).

*Today is the final session of Adult Bible Study until after Labor Day. If you wish to receive occasional email notes about the lessons during the summer, contact leader Jack Reiffer.*

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

## SECURITY MEASURES AT ST. JOHN’S

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

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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:** 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), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Dru Dowdy (Frances S. Tyler), Bradley Eays (Jack Reiffer), 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), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), 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, 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), Joel King (Susan Cardwell), and Laura Walsten (Emily Lucio).

### THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Karolina Arias, Sofina Behr, Charles Bergen, Robert Chrystal, Charlotte Hantson, Nancy Klotz, Abbott McCartney, Clare Miller, Katherine Montgomery, Gregory Morrison, Rob Mosbacher Jr., Uche Onwuamaegbu, Charles Rhodes, Andrew Tierney, and Donni Turner.

### THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

David Abernethy and Beth Lewis, Bill and Sara Josey, and Katherine and Nate Rawlings.

### 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  
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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*

Linda Morgan Stowe and John Chappell Stowe,  
*Interim Assistant Organists*

John Stowe, *Chief Operating Officer*

Charley Griffin, *Parish Administrator*

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

Javier Obregon, *Sexton*

GeeGee Bryant, David Gamboa, and

John Queen, *Assistant Sextons*

Anne Stone, *Publications*

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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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