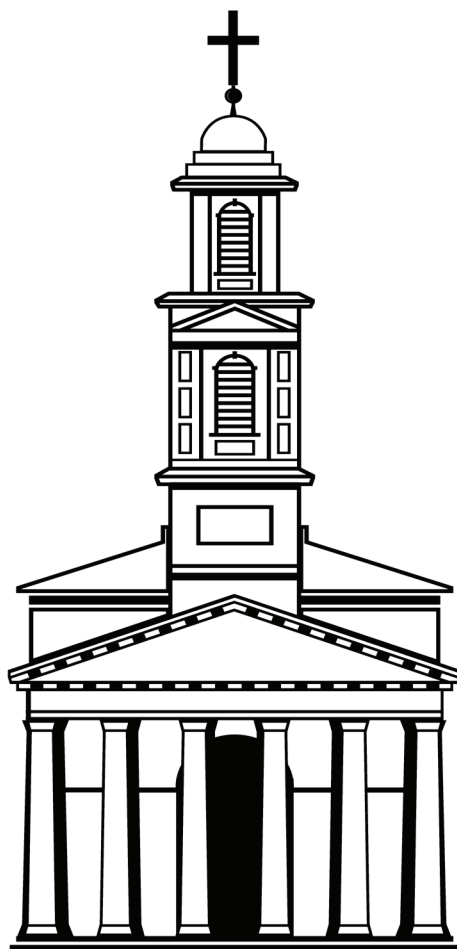


THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
April 27, 2025 ♦ Baptism and Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m.



# 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.*


*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.*

## VOLUNTARY

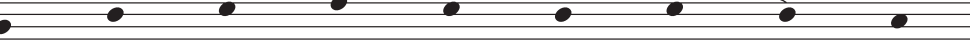
J.S. Bach (1675–1750)

O sons and daughters, let us sing

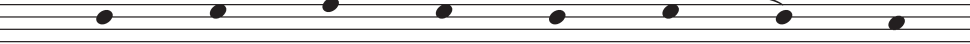
*Antiphon (at the beginning)*




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



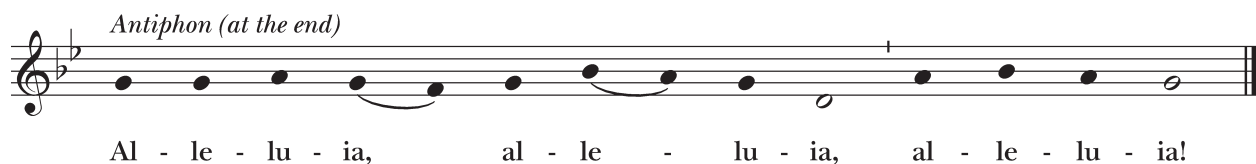
1 O sons and daught - ers, let us sing!  
 2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;  
 3 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,  
 4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see;  
 5 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied,  
 6 How blest are they who have not seen,



1 The King of heaven, the glo - rious King,  
 2 a - midst them came their Lord most dear,  
 3 how they had seen the ris - en Lord,  
 4 my hands, my feet, I show to thee;  
 5 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
 6 and yet whose faith has con - stant been,



1 o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 and said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!  
5 "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!  
6 for they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]



Words: Att. Jean Tisserand (15th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866). Music: *O filii et filiae*, melody from *Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noëls*, 1623; acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

## 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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

Acts 5:27-32

*Please be seated.*

*Read by Laurie Adams.*

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 150

*Led by Jack Reiffer, said responsively by half verse.*

Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; \*  
praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts; \*  
praise him for his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
praise him with lyre and harp.

Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*  
praise him with strings and pipe.

Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*  
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

Let everything that has breath \*  
praise the LORD. Hallelujah!

## GRADUAL HYMN 209

We walk by faith, and not by sight

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

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no  
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as  
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound, to call his on you when

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near, and seek where you are found.

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

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

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

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 Jews, 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."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Deacon* 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. Sarah Akes-Cardwell

## 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 Seth Michael Gilmore to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Priest* Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidate* I do.

*Sponsor* I present Ella Han to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Priest* Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidate* I do.

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

*Parents and Godparents* We present Anderson Alan Haugh 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 priest 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.*

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

*Parents and Godparents* I renounce them.

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

*Parents and Godparents* I renounce them.

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

*Parents and Godparents* I renounce them.

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

*Parents and Godparents* I do.

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

*Parents and Godparents* I do.

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

*Parents and Godparents* I do.

*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 Ucheora Onwuamaegbu.*

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

*People* **Amen.**

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

*People* **Amen.**

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

*People* **Amen.**

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

*People* **Amen.**

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

*People* **Amen.**

*Priest* Anderson, 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.



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

*a tempo*

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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

This joyful Eastertide

Charles Wood (1866–1926)

*Sung by the choir.*

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!  
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to earth this morrow.

*Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain: But now hath Christ arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber,  
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. *Refrain*

Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver. *Refrain*

—George R. Woodward (1848–1934)

## HYMN 204

Now the green blade riseth

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



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain,  
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



*Refrain*  
Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

*The priest continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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



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

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

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

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

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### FRACTION ANTHEM (S-164)

Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828)

*Sung by all.*

arr. Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

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

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

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

give us your peace, give us your peace.

## 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

Quia vidisti me, Thoma

Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612)

*Sung by the choir.*

*Quia vidisti me, Thoma, credidisti: Beati qui crediderunt et non viderunt. Alleluia.*

Because you saw me, Thomas, you believed: Blessed are they who have not seen, yet believe. Alleluia.

—John 20:29

## HYMN 318 *Sung by all, seated.*

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face



1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;  
2 Here would I feed up - on the Bread of God;  
3 I have no help but thine; nor do I need  
4 Mine is the sin, but thine the right - eous - ness;

here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;  
here drink with thee the roy - al Wine of heaven;  
an - oth - er arm save thine to lean up - on;  
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing Blood.

here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,  
here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
it is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;  
Here is my robe, my re - fuge, and my peace;

and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.  
here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.  
my strength is in thy might, thy might a - lone.  
thy Blood, thy right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.

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## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Priest* Let us pray.

*All* Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*When scheduled, the Priest offers a communion kit to any Lay Eucharistic Minister doing a home visit, saying*

On behalf of God and St. John's Church, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those whom you will visit may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

*Priest* Life is short. And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**HYMN 296** *Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows \_\_\_\_\_

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; \_\_\_\_\_  
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life \_\_\_\_\_  
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. \_\_\_\_\_  
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. \_\_\_\_\_

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. \_\_\_\_\_  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le -  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: \_\_\_\_\_

**Final Ending**

lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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## THE DISMISSAL

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

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

## VOLUNTARY

Concerto in G Major, BWV 592

J.S. Bach



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

and in memory of Charles Thomas Bleha,  
George Morris Irelan, Susan Peters Irelan, and George Morris Irelan, Jr.;  
and in thanksgiving for the baptism today of  
Seth Michael Gilmore, Ella Han, and Anderson Alan Haugh.

## ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

Jack Reiffer, *Crucifer* ♦ Walt Ehrich, *Acolyte*  
Paul Barkett and Debby Hailey, *Chalice Bearers*  
Grant Kraus, *Assistant Head Usher*  
Brian Cordova-Brookey, RJ Lyrly, Michele Mullins, and Bill Wright, *Ushers*  
Mark Cardwell and Sarah Wood, *Greeters*  
Pat Dalby, Katherine Kyle, and Elizabeth Lewis, *Flower Guild*  
Jeremy Sheeler, *Livestream Technician*

Please help us be good stewards of the environment.

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

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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 April 27

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## TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

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- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell
- 8:30 a.m. Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m. (Parish House Second Floor)
- 9 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell
- 10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor)  
Speaker Series (Togo West Parlor; see page 3)  
Church School (Parish House Second Floor)  
Youth Group (Parish House Second Floor)  
Adult Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor)  
St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Baptism—Sermon by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell  
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor)  
Parish Lunch (Parish House; see next column)  
Church Tour (see next column)

### FLOWER DELIVERIES

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

Today flower deliveries are needed to: 26th Street, NW; Tilden Street, NW; and East Capitol Street SE.

### PARISH LUNCH

Today at noon | Hosted by South Africa Partnership Ministry (Kwasa)

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.



### 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 J. Price.

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

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

*April 28 through May 4*

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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. Rob Fisher, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

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

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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**Monday, April 28**

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

**Tuesday, April 29**

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

**Wednesday, April 30**

4:30 p.m. Advanced Choristers Rehearsal

**Thursday, May 1**

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsals

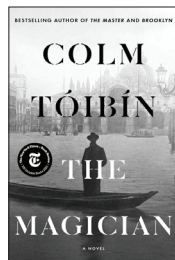
7 p.m. Book Group (via Zoom; see below)

Parish Choir Rehearsal

### ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

**Thursday, May 1, at 7 p.m.**

Please join us via Zoom to discuss *The Magician* by Colm Tóibín, an intriguing, fictionalized account of the life and times of Nobel Prize-winning German author Thomas Mann (1875–1955). The book group typically meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information and the link, please contact leader Janet Edmond via the online directory at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).



### SPRING NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

**Sunday, May 4, at 9 and 11 a.m.**

St. John's will recognize new members of our community on Sunday, May 4, during worship at both 9 and 11 a.m., and at a welcome reception in Togo West Parlor at noon. Come show your support for our growing community and get to know someone new.

### RECOGNIZING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

**Submit names by Sunday, May 4**

Each spring, St. John's recognizes the graduating high school seniors in our parish. This year's recognition will take place on Sunday, May 11, at the 11 a.m. service. If you have (or are) a youth graduating from high school this year, please let us know by contacting the Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab of our website. Please include a recent photo, name of high school, a favorite St. John's memory or connection, and any plans after graduation. The deadline for submissions is Sunday, May 4.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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### LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

**Wednesday, May 7, at 6:30 p.m. (Offsite)**

The Latrobe Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We typically gather at St. John's at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for a short worship service followed by an activity, but in May we will gather at St. Albans (3001 Wisconsin Avenue, NW) for a rooftop service and the chance to enjoy the Bishop's Garden. For more information, contact the Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey, our minister for youth and young adults, via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

### GRACE'S TABLE

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

*Upcoming Dates: May 17 and June 21*

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.

## YOUTH LOCK-IN

**Saturday, May 17, at 4 p.m.**

All middle and high-schoolers are invited to spend the night at St. John's—a safe, fun event designed for youth to play games, eat snacks, make communion bread, and prepare the Sunday parish lunch! Youth are welcome to invite their friends. RSVP at [bit.ly/sjc-youth-event-51725](https://bit.ly/sjc-youth-event-51725). Questions? Contact the Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

## CHORAL EVENSONG

**Wednesday, May 21, at 5:30 p.m.**

The St. John's Choir and Choristers sing Evensong on the third Wednesday of most months from September through May, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and followed by a reception in Togo West Parlor. Validated parking is available in the Colonial parking garage at 818 Connecticut Avenue, NW. Ask an usher for a validation ticket before or after the service. The service will also be available via livestream.

## SPEAKER SERIES

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



**April 27: The Increasing Threat of Microplastics.** What do we know about how microplastics affect DC waterways and drinking water? What can we do to protect human health as well as the health of our environment? We will be joined by **Dr. Jesse Meiller**, a

marine ecologist and environmental toxicologist who teaches at Georgetown University as part of The Earth Commons Institute, where she investigates microplastics in water, sediment, and biological communities in the Chesapeake Bay, to increase awareness and understanding about the environmental and health effects of pollution.



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

## NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY



### THANK YOU TO . . .

. . . everyone who donated to the recent Refugee Committee supply drive or who offered their time to this important event! We delivered items and had a successful volunteer day at the Resource Center last Saturday. Please keep an eye out for future opportunities to help our newest neighbors, and contact the Refugee Committee via the online ministry directory with any questions.



### GIVING OR RECEIVING SUPPORT

Many in our parish have livelihoods that are closely linked to the federal government. We have created a simple survey to learn what type of support might be helpful to them in this tumultuous time, and also what gifts, talents, and ideas our own parishioners have for offering help. You can access the survey at [bit.ly/sjc-assistance-survey](https://bit.ly/sjc-assistance-survey). It is designed for both those needing support and those wanting to offer it. For more information about this effort, read Rob's letter to the parish, which you can find at [bit.ly/sjc-helping-2025](https://bit.ly/sjc-helping-2025).



## SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH

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

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

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

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



## BAPTISMS

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

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

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

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

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

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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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## LIVESTREAM MINISTRY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

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

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## FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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### NURSERY HOURS

**Sundays, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

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

### CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

**Most Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m.**

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

### YOUTH GROUP

**Most Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m.**

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

### CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

**Sundays during the sermon at 11 a.m. worship**

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

## THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

### Sundays during 11 a.m. worship

Youth in 6th grade and above are welcome to participate during the 11 a.m. service, serving as torch bearers or crucifers and helping set the altar for communion. To learn more, contact us via [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

## CHORISTER PROGRAM

We offer a preparatory choir for children in grades 3–6 and an advanced (auditioned) program for young singers with unchanged voices. To learn more or express interest, contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

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## REMINDERS

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### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

#### Sundays at 10 a.m.

This group gathers most Sunday mornings, with some joining via Zoom and others in person. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. For information, please contact Jack Reiffer via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org).

## FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Flowers in the church and Parish House are made possible by gifts and are often dedicated to the memory of a loved one or to mark a birth or birthday, wedding, anniversary, graduation, or other special event. To make a dedication, pick up a flower card at the entrance to the church.

## MAKE A PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

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



## ONLINE OFFERINGS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS

To make a monetary offering toward your pledge or a specific fund, scan the QR code at right, or visit our website, then select the desired destination using the “Fund” drop-down menu.



## 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.

## LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

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



## LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

The weekly 11 a.m. Sunday service (10:30 a.m. in summer) is broadcast and available for replay on our website, as are evensongs and occasional other special services and events.

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## PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

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

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

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

**From our parish:** Margo Arnold, Hyman Field, and David Springer.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Gisela Block (Sigi Block), Cliff Christians (Jack Reiffer), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Sue Edmonds (Sarah and Jeff Agnew), Bob and Heather Gilbert (Andrea Winchell), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Mark Hallett (Livy More), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Charlotte Crowley Junilla (Margo Arnold), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), William

Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Lisa Nestor (Sarah Wood), Patrick Christopher O'Donnell (Wendy J. Fibison), Paul Peralta (Debby Hailey), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Leo S. (Wendy J. Fibison), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Geri Shapiro (Jordan Baugh), Louise Shaughnessy (Sarah Wood), Pam Snyder (Sarah Agnew), Patsy Swain (Margo Arnold), Sallie and William Wilkie Thompson (Cecelia Thompson), Ashley Smith Thomson (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), Reuben Varghese (Krista and Larry Bradley), Richard Waycott (Louisa Waycott), Darrel Williams (Caleb and James Reilly), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), Andrew Woods (Johnathan Miller), and Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart).

#### **THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING**

**From our parish:** Eve Atkeson, Milton Chamberlain, Barbie Harper, Barney Malloy, Marcella Odom, Becky Schergens, and Paul Van Nice.

**Friends and family of our parish:** David Brown (Lisa Koehler), Wilma Daubs (Kay Gilley), Lori LaPoint (Brent Erstad), Cawley Scott (Robyne Johnston), and Carl Wright (Frank and Nancy Klotz).

#### **THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE**

**Friends and family of our parish:** Henry Farrington (Wendy J. Fibison), Janet Fischer (Ann Gardner), and Ian Paton (Frances Tyler).

#### **THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

**Friends and family of our parish:** Polly Emory Hall, April 20 (Kaye Edwards).

#### **THOSE BEING BAPTIZED TODAY**

Seth Michael Gilmore, Ella Han, and Anderson Alan Haugh.

#### **THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY**

Barbara Burkhardt, Victoria Cherry, Carter Faris, Anne Formanek, Ann Gardner, Carrie Garland, Kay Gilley, Kerry Holahan, Cecil Hornbaker, Peter Hardinge, Mac Johnston, Hugo Kingsley, Jim Kirchenbauer, Daniel Kroese, Turner Kroese, Jeffrey Lovelace, Emily Lucio, Geoffrey McMain, Nora Rigby, Jed Sadqi, John Schutz, Patrick Sissman, Stephen Smith, Ellen Underwood, Will Watson, Henrik Weng, Jordan Wiggins, Anita L. Woehler, and Evie Yi.

#### **THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY**

Betsy and Daniel Danello, Amanda and Eric Eversole, Katherine and Keil Green, Dick and Jeanne Grimmett, Jon and Liz Kosobucki, Paolo Mastrangelo and Perri Warren, and Chase and Tara Woodley.

#### **THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES**

**Friends and family of our parish:** Janie Abernethy (Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy) and Philip L. Faris (Caroline and Steve Faris).



# WELCOME!

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

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

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

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

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## **Vestry Leadership & Members**

Nora Rigby, *Senior Warden*

Alfred Thesmar, *Junior Warden*

Tony Anikeeff, Brian Cordova-Brookey,  
Kaye Edwards, Casey Evans, Debby Hailey,  
Fruzsina Harsanyi, Julia Koster,  
Elizabeth Cavert Morrison,  
Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, Jack Reiffer,  
Matthew Taylor, and Jess Unger, *Members*

Nora Haugh, *Treasurer*

Anya Kleymenova, *Assistant Treasurer*

Allie Raether, *Secretary*

Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

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**Head Greeters**—Eleanor and Peter Odom

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Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

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

The Rev. William Morris, *Assisting Priest*  
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Lyn Loewi, *Associate Organist*

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

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

Anne Stone, *Publications*

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## **ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT**

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

## **Parish House**

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