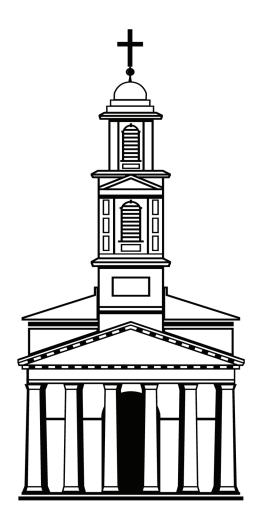
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 16, 2025 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 9 and 11 a.m.



SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

LAFAYETTE SQUARE . WASHINGTON, DC

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.

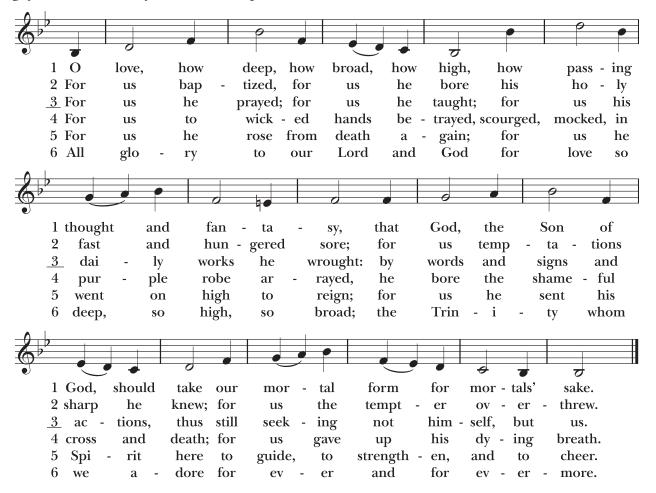
Welcome to St. John's Church, Lafayette Square. All are invited to participate in the service as able. Congregational responses appear in bold. Nursery care is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Parish House.

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.

HYMN 448

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

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



Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949).

THE WORD OF GOD

Please remain standing as you are able.

Priest Blessed be the God of our salvation:

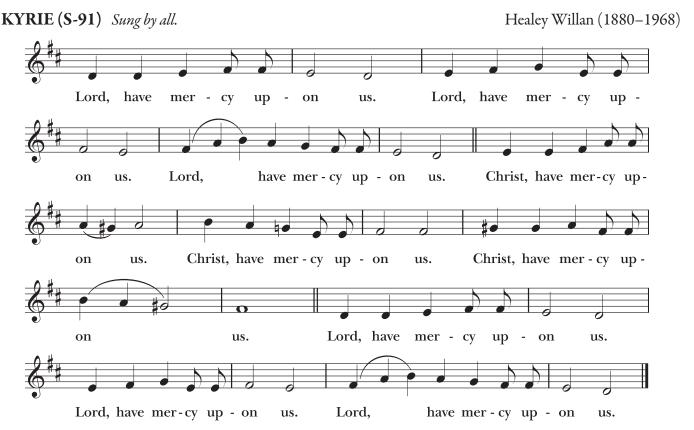
People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Priest Let us confess our sins to God.

Please remain standing, or kneel as you are able.

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

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



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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Please be seated.

Philippians 3:17–4:1 9 a.m. Read by Holly Sukenik. 11 a.m. Read by Krista Bradley.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore,

my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27

9 a.m. Led by David Trebing, said responsively by half verse. 11 a.m. Chanted by the choir.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?*
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

Though an army should encamp against me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid;

And though war should rise up against me, * yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; * that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of the LORD * and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; * he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head * above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; * I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." * Your face, LORD, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper; cast me not away; * do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother forsake me, * the LORD will sustain me.

Show me your way, O LORD; *

lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, * for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD * in the land of the living!

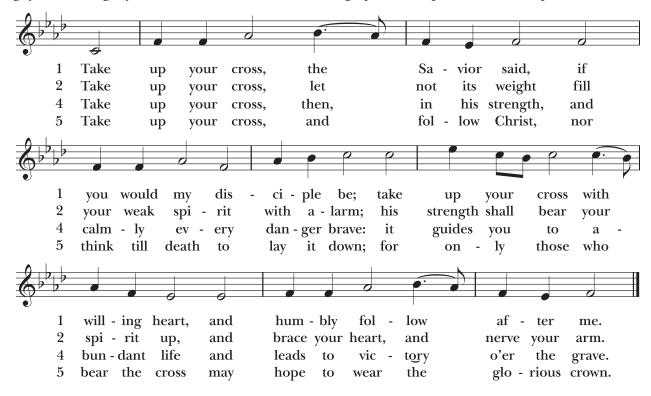
O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; * wait patiently for the LORD.

(11 a.m. only) Children's Chapel in the Parish House: All who wish may gather in front of the pulpit during the hymn and will return at the Peace. Parents are encouraged to accompany children younger than three.

GRADUAL HYMN 675

Take up your cross, the Savior said

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



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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is

left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

THE SERMONThe Rev. Robert W. Fisher

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able.

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

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

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

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

9 a.m. Led by Jessica Sanchez.

Standing or kneeling as you are able.

11 a.m. Led by Brian Cordova-Brookey.

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy." *Silence.*

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

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the communities of St. John's and our companion relationships with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa* and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for St. Patrick's Church and St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School, D.C. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann, our Bishop; and for all clergy and other ministers, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For Donald, our President, for the leaders of Congress and the nations, for the Supreme Court,

and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For this city of Washington, for every city and community, and for those who live in them. For

those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week \dots ; and for those in our parish celebrating

an anniversary this week . . . , let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

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

pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering. For

those who are in assisted living . . . , let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and

captives, for refugees and migrants throughout the world, and for all who remember and care

for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially . . . ,

let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

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

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us

pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor In the communion of St. John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,

and all our life, to Christ our God.

People To thee, O Lord our God.

Priest Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers

of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

Please stand as you are able.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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



OFFERTORY ANTHEM Sung by the choir.

At 9 a.m. I lift up my eyes Margaret Burk (b. 1990)

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved, and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

so that the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,

from this time forth forever more.

—Psalm 121

At 11 a.m. Lord, let me know mine end Maurice Greene (1696–1755)

Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days, that I may be certified how long I have to live.

Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long, and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity.

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what is my hope? truly my hope is even in thee.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling; hold not thy peace at my tears.

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength, before I go hence, and be no more seen.

-Psalm 39:5-8, 13, 15

HYMN 691

Standing as you are able.



Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887). Music: Olivet, Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please remain standing as you are able.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

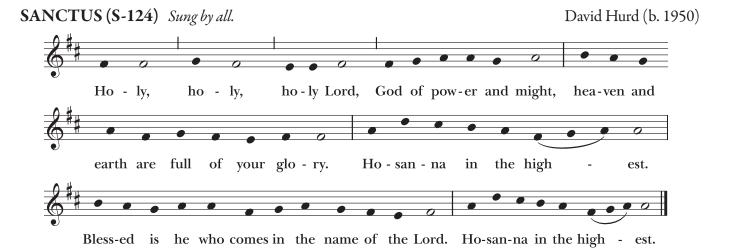
People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The priest continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

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

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

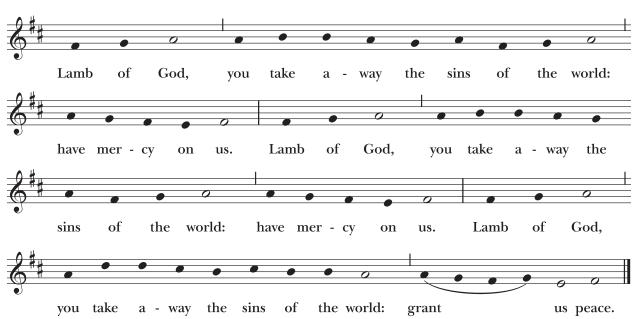
Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



David Hurd



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.

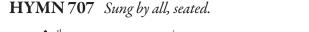
All persons, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Wait for an usher to call your pew to come forward. You will first be handed a wafer by a priest (gluten-free wafers are available by request) and then offered wine by a lay server. You may either sip the wine or dip your 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.

Sung by the choir.

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

As the hart longs for the flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God.

—Psalm 42:1



Take my life, and let it be



Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: Hollingside, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

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.

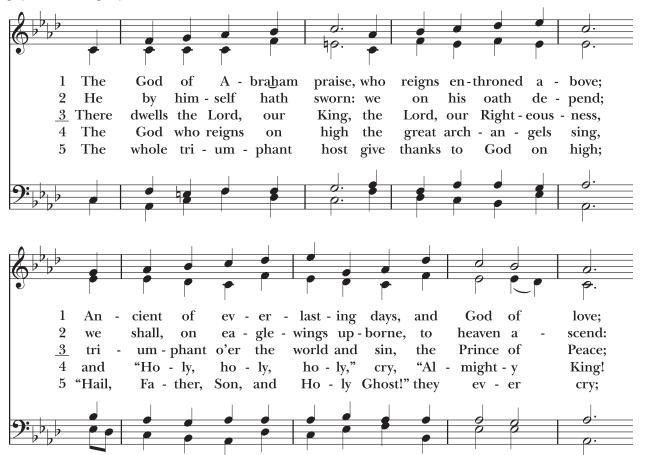
THE BLESSING

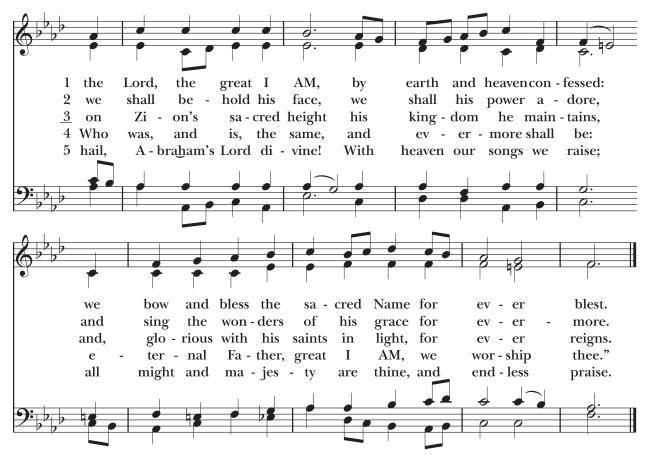
Priest Life is short. And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN 401

The God of Abraham praise

Sung by all, standing as you are able.





Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, alt.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Fantasia in G, BWV 572

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

and in memory of Susan Van Nice.

ASSISTING AT THE 9 A.M. SERVICE

Mike DuMond, *Crucifer* * Robyne Johnston and Jack Reiffer, *Chalice Bearers*Bud Harrell, *Assistant Head Usher* * Martha Ellison and Kenny Kraft, *Ushers*Dylan Hayden and Desirée Stolar, *Greeters*Becca Brown and Pat Dalby, *Flower Guild*

ASSISTING AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE

Greg Morrison, Crucifer * Gloria Burkhardt and Lizzie Rigby, Acolytes
Debby Hailey and Joanne Hutton, Chalice Bearers
Hap Rigby, Assistant Head Usher
Linda Chen, Joe Daniels, Livy More, and Bill Wright, Ushers
Larry Bradley and Mark Cardwell, Greeters
Becca Brown and Pat Dalby, Flower Guild
Jeremy Sheeler, Livestream Technician

Please help us be good stewards of the environment.

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

ARE YOU NEW TO ST. JOHN'S?

Please let us know who you are and how we can best serve you by filling out a "Welcome" card and leaving it in the offering plate or with an usher or greeter. * Free valet parking is available on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Look for the valet sign at the corner of Black Lives Matter Plaza (16th Street) and H Street, NW. * Follow us on Instagram at @stjohnschurchlafayettesquare. See photos from St. John's musical performances, special events, meetings, Sunday services, and more. Relive the moment or experience it for the first time through the touch of a button on your smartphone.

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Announcements for the Week of March 16

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher Parish Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)

8:30 a.m. Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m. (Parish House Second Floor)

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher

10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor)

Speaker Series (Togo West Parlor; see page 2)

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—Sermon by the Rev.Rob FisherChildren's Chapel (children begin in church)

Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor) Parish Lunch (see next column) Church Tour (see next column)

FLOWER DELIVERIES

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

Today flower deliveries are needed to: Seward Square, SE; Linnean Avenue, NW; East Bellefonte Avenue, Alexandria; and North Daniel Street, Arlington.

WELCOME BACK TO OUR GUESTS

Today we again welcome the Rev. Eva Cavaleri, Senior Chaplain and Religious Studies Department Chair at National Cathedral School, who will assist at the 9 a.m. and the 11 a.m. liturgies; and the Rev. Dr. Sarah Coakley, a priest-theologian who has held academic positions in systematic theology and philosophy of religion at Oxford, Harvard, and Cambridge Universities, who will present the Speaker Series at 10 a.m. and assist at the 11 a.m. service.

PARISH LUNCH

Today at noon | Hosted by St. John's Book Group

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 Kevin Cordova-Brookey.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 17-23

Monday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Tuesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Wednesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

5:30 p.m.—Choral Evensong

Thursday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Friday—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

Sunday—The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, March 17

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

Tuesday, March 18

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

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

6 p.m. Vestry Meeting (Togo West Parlor)

Wednesday, March 19

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

Thursday, March 20

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsals

7 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 21

4 p.m. Memorial Service for Anne Field

CHORAL EVENSONG

Wednesday, March 19, 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 is also available via livestream on our website.

THE SEASON OF LENT

On Ash Wednesday, which fell this year on March 5, we entered the liturgical season of Lent. This is a time of preparation for Holy Week and Easter, when we are invited to take on practices of self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, self-denial, and meditating on God's holy Word. During this penitential season, you will notice the following changes in worship at St. John's:

Purple frontal and matching vestments. Purple is the liturgical color that symbolizes the pain and suffering Christ endured on his way to the cross. Traditionally, it is also the color of royalty. As such, it represents our hope for resurrection, signifies our reflective preparation to celebrate Easter, and reminds us of Christ's kingship in heaven.

Greens on the altar. In keeping with the Lenten mood of penitence and reflection, we refrain from flowers in the church, using arrangements of greens instead.

Confession at the start of the service. To emphasize our posture of penitence, we confess our sins at the beginning of the service rather than in the context of the Prayers of the People that are offered before the Eucharist.

Kyrie instead of Gloria. In this season, we ask the Lord for mercy (*Kyrie eleison* in Greek) instead of singing a more jubilant Gloria or song of praise.

A different musical setting for the Psalm and Sanctus. These pieces are sung in a simpler plainsong.

No alleluias. We omit all spoken and sung alleluias from the service—in the opening sentences, from hymns and anthems, at the breaking of the bread (known as the fraction), and elsewhere.

As Lent draws to a close in mid April, we will hail Jesus with the adoring crowds on Palm Sunday. We then turn toward his Last Supper with the disciples on Maundy Thursday, his Crucifixion on Good Friday, and the three solemn days until he rises from the dead and we enter once more into Easter joy. We invite you to join us on the path.

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.





THREE-PART LENTEN SERIES ON PRAYER

March 16: The Rev. Professor Sarah Coakley—"Early monastic prayer in the desert: Constant prayer, silence, and distractions—A practical guide." (Part 2)

March 23: The Rev. Martin L. Smith—"Being emotionally honest in prayer: Who does God want to be for us as we pray?" (Part 3)



LENTEN DAILY DEVOTIONAL SERIES: "PATHWAYS THROUGH LENT"

"Pathways through Lent" is a daily email giving you Bible readings, a prayer, and a reflection to help with your Lenten practices. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, you may subscribe at bit.ly/sjc-pathways. Pathways will be published in the morning on all weekdays now through Good Friday, April 18. For Saturdays and Sundays during Lent, we encourage you to read the reflection that our clergy send to remind us of the Sunday services, and, of course, to participate in worship either in person or via livestream at bit.ly/sjc-livestream.

DISCOVER THE PRACTICE OF SILENT PRAYER Tuesday evenings in Lent, 5–6 p.m.

Join us on the evenings of March 18, and 25, and April 1 and 8, for an opportunity to discover a simple practice of silent prayer in community, for which the Sunday Speaker Series discussions will provide initial teaching and encouragement. Newcomers to this practice are particularly welcome, and the cumulative effect of several weeks of this form of prayer together may be surprising.

There will be three in-person locales each week, but we shall be conjoined via the internet, and each session will be very briefly opened by the Rev. Professor Sarah Coakley in Alexandria. The last of these events (April 8) will involve 15 minutes of shared silence followed by a very simple contemplative Eucharist in each locale. The locations are:

St. John's Church (1525 H Street, NW) *Convened by the Rev. Robert W. Fisher*

The Oratory, Immanuel Chapel, Virginia Theological Seminary (3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria) Convened by the Rev. Professor Sarah Coakley

Northwest D.C. (near the Tenleytown Metro) Convened by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell

Sign up at bit.ly/silent-prayer-lent-2025. Please plan to arrive at your preferred location by 5 p.m. Sessions will begin promptly at 5:15 p.m. and end promptly at 6 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SAMARITAN MINISTRY

Next Step Breakfast: Saturday, March 29, 9-10:30 a.m.

Come make a difference for your DMV neighbors in need at Samaritan Ministry's inspiring Next Step breakfast. The Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde will give the keynote and you'll hear from volunteers, staff, and Next Step participants who are transforming their lives with the help of Samaritan supporters like you. You will also have time to meet and visit with others in the Samaritan Ministry community. The breakfast will be held at the National Press Club in downtown D.C. Visit bit.ly/NSB25REGISTER to sign up free of charge; when prompted to give a table captain, enter Sarah Wood or Matt Bode. Can't attend? Make a donation at bit.ly/NSB25GIFTS. Questions? Contact Sarah Wood via our online directory or go to www.samaritanministry.org.

N STREET VILLAGE SUPPLY DRIVE Now through March 30

The Sisters at St. John's are partnering with N Street Village, a local group that supports D.C. women experiencing homelessness by offering a broad spectrum of services, housing, and advocacy in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. We are collecting a variety of necessaries, including travel sizes of toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, lotion, and deodorant, as well as cleaning supplies, dishwashing soap, paper towels, toilet paper, women's underwear (sizes 7, 8, 11, and 12), and adult incontinence items (M–XXL). To donate, please bring any of the above items to church with you and leave them in the basket by the reception area in the Parish House. Or skip the hassle and order supplies via the online wish list found at bit.ly/sisters-supplies-2024.

LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP Sunday, March 30, at 2 p.m.

On Sunday, March 30, we will enjoy parish lunch before caravaning to the National Gallery of Art for a 2 p.m. lecture, part of a series called "America's Architecture of Freedom and Unfreedom," about the interplay of race and the construction of national identity. You are welcome to join us for lunch, the lecture, or both; let us know to expect you at bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events. The Lafayette Fellowship offers activities for adults at St. John's who seek to build community with one another, typically gathering on the second Tuesday of the month for

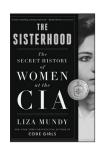
an evening activity. Questions? Contact Hilary West via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP Wednesday, April 2, at 6:30 p.m.

The Latrobe Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We typically gather at St. John's at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for a short worship service followed by an activity. In April, the theme will be the use of prayer beads within the Anglican tradition, and we hope to include an "arts and crafts" segment where we craft beads of our own. For more, contact Eric Bailey, our minister for youth and young adults, via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m.

Please join us via Zoom to discuss *The Sisterhood: The Secret History of Women at the CIA* by Liza Mundy. *The Sisterhood* tells the story of how women at the CIA ushered in the modern intelligence age,



and how their silencing made the world more dangerous. 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.

THE 2025 SPRING ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS Saturdays, April 5 and 12

Would you like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church? Are you curious to learn more about the Christian faith, the Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John's? Consider joining the Spring Adult Inquirers' Class led by the Rev. Rob Fisher. The class will meet on Saturdays, April 5 and 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and all are welcome—newcomers and longtime parishioners alike. To register, contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

HOLY WEEK PREVIEW Sunday, April 6, at 10 a.m.

Interactive stations will be set up to help kids (and parents) learn about the significance of what happens between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. This offering will be geared toward families with infants, toddlers, and elementary aged children, though all are welcome. The hope is to prepare

families for their participation in the liturgies of Holy Week, and provide ways that they might mark these special days at church or at home.

GRACE'S TABLE

Third Saturdays, from 10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m. *Upcoming Dates: April 19 and May 17*

Grace's Table is an outreach partnership between St. John's and Grace Episcopal Church in Georgetown. Every third Saturday of the month, a group from St. John's prepares and serves a meal at Grace to folks who are unhoused or at risk of losing their housing. Volunteers purchase and prepare food (including casseroles, rolls, salad, and dessert) and/or serve the guests. Typically, as many as 60 or 70 guests come seeking food and fellowship. 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.

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY



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.

BAPTISMS

If you are interested in baptism for yourself or for a child, please contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website. Please note that the parents or grandparents of children being baptized must be active, pledging members of St. John's. Adults interested in baptism must also attend an Adult Inquirers' Class (see page 5), offered twice a year, and be active, pledging participants in the life of the parish. Upcoming dates for baptism and required pre-baptismal classes with the clergy at St. John's include:

Sunday, April 27, at 11 a.m.

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

Sunday, June 8, at 9 a.m.

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

Sunday, November 2, at 9 a.m.

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

SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH

Most Sundays after the 11 a.m. service

The Sunday lunch tradition relies on volunteers, and we encourage individuals, families, groups, or parish ministries to host at least once per program year. Hosts may be reimbursed for expenses or receive a tax receipt. Contact Parish Lunch coordinator Holly Sukenik at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory with questions or to claim an open date.

March 16 St. John's Book Group Vestry Tex Mex March 23 Care of Creation March 30 Sisters at St. John's April 6 No Lunch: Palm Sunday April 13 April 20 No Lunch: Easter Day April 27 Kwasa May 4 New Member Reception No Lunch: Mothers Day May 11 May 18 *May 25* No Lunch: Memorial Day Weekend June 1 June 8 Pentecost Party

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NURSERY HOURS

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

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

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

Sundays, 10-10:50 a.m.

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

YOUTH GROUP

Sundays, 10-10:50 a.m.

All middle and high school youth are invited most Sundays to the second floor of the Parish House for an exploration of life and faith with their peers. Questions? Contact 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.

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

CHORISTER PROGRAM

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

REMINDERS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Sundays at 10 a.m.

This group gathers most Sunday mornings, using a hybrid approach, with some joining via Zoom and others in person. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. We are focusing this year on the structure, audience, and themes of the Gospel of Luke. For class notes and Zoom login information, please connect with leader Jack Reiffer via our online Ministry Directory found at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

The flowers that enhance the beauty of the Church and Parish House are made possible by gifts from our community and are often dedicated to the memory of a loved one or to mark a birth or birthday, a wedding, an anniversary, a graduation, or another 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 over the course of a year, to be paid weekly, monthly, or on another schedule. By making a pledge to St. John's, you enable us to plan for the work we undertake in mission and ministry. It's easy to make a pledge commitment online using this QR code or by visiting the Give tab on our website.

ONLINE OFFERINGS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS

If you want to make a monetary offering toward your pledge or a specific fund, you may do so on our website or by scanning the QR code on the right. In the "Fund" drop-down menu, select the fund to which you wish to donate.



JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP

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

LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

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



LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

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

PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

Praying for the sick and those in need is an important part of our life together. We invite you to add yourself, family, or friends to the parish prayer list. Contact Pastoral Care through the Connect: Ministry Directory tab at stjohnsdc.org. Birthdays, anniversaries, births, and deaths are listed for a week. Other names added to the prayer list will be reviewed twice a year to help keep prayer requests current. If you would like a name to be on the prayer list for a specific period of time, please let us know. For family and friends who are not members of the congregation, we list in parentheses the name of the person requesting prayers.

PLEDGING AT ST. JOHN'S: As of Tuesday, March 11, we had received 295 pledges totalling \$1,160,481.

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

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

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING, OR GRIEVING

From our parish: Margo Arnold, Sydney Brooks, Hyman Field, LaFleur Paysour, Diane Spaulding, David Springer, and Richard Young.

Friends and family of our parish: Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), Kiesha Carroll (GeeGee Bryant), 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), Justin Fyala (Jack Reiffer), 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), Sophie Panagi (Brian and KayAnn Schoeneman), Paul Peralta (Debby Hailey), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Diane Scanlon (Wendy Fibison), Jim Scarantino and family (Wendy J. Fibison), Alan Schutz (John and Zachary Schutz), Geri Shapiro (Jordan Baugh), Matt Skinner (Blount and Charlotte Stewart), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), 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), John Walsten (Emily and John Lucio), Richard Waycott (Louisa Waycott), Darrel Williams (Caleb and James Reilly), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), Andrew Woods (Johnathan Miller), and Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart).

THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

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

Friends and family of our parish: Wilma Daubs (Kay Gilley), Lori LaPoint (Brent Erstad), Deanne Scanlon (Wendy J. Fibison), Cawley Scott (Robyne Johnston), and Carl Wright (Frank and Nancy Klotz).

THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

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

THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BORN

From our parish: Helena Kathryn Victoria Demirdjian-Rivest on March 6.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Amanda Akes-Cardwell, Paul Barkett, Ashley Coxe, Jamie Craft, Carolyn Gardner, John Goheen, Juan Gonzalez, Thomas Hailey, Sarah Hanniford, Patrick Hanniford, Amanda Hoover, Scott Raab, Katherine Rawlings, Pete Seidlitz, Graham Singer, Peter Spaulding, Amy Stulman, Chris Tipler, and Louisa Waycott.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Clayton and Susan Lewis.

THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

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

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

WELCOME!

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

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

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

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

Vestry Leadership & Members

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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Heads of Flower Guild

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

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