

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

April 13, 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.*

VOLUNTARY

Allegro from *Trumpet Concerto in E-flat*

Franz Joseph Haydn
(1732–1809)

INTROIT

Hosanna to the Son of David

Thomas Weelkes (1576–1623)

Sung by the choir.

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, thou that sittest in the highest heavens. *Hosanna in excelsis Deo.*

—Antiphon for Palm Sunday

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Standing as you are able, please turn to face the rear of the church.

Priest Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Priest Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon
the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

Priest It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph,
and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm
along his way.

Please raise your palms for blessing.

Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may
ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns
in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Priest Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

THE PROCESSION

Children of all ages are invited to process after the choir and before the clergy, joining as the procession passes their pew.

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN 154 *Sung by all.*

All glory, laud, and honor

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Repeat Refrain



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please remain standing as you are able.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; 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

Philippians 2:5-11

Please be seated.

9 a.m. Read by Katherine Bliss.

11 a.m. Read by William Priest.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29

9 a.m. Led by Alex Stolar; said responsively by half verse.

11 a.m. Chanted by the choir.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

“This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter.”

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *
LORD, send us now success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

“You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

(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

Ride on! ride on in majesty!

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

The musical score is written for piano accompaniment in a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a simple harmonic accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score is divided into three stanzas, each with its own system of music.

Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark!
Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In
Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The

all the tribes ho - san - na cry; Thy hum - ble beast pur -
low - ly pomp ride on to die: O Christ, thy tri - umphs
an - gel ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and

sues his road with palms and scat - ter'd gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quer'd sin.
won - d'ring eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.

Hymn 64 from *The Hymnal 1940*. Words: Henry Hart Milman, 1827, alt. Music: *St. Drostane*, John B. Dykes, 1862; desc. Christopher Robinson (b. 1936).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

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.**

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

9 a.m. Led by Jack Reiffer.

Please stand as you are able.

11 a.m. Led by Jeff Agnew.

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

Silence.

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;

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

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

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

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor For the communities of St. John's and our companion relationships with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa* and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for the Chapel of the Intercession, Washington Hospital Center. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers, let us pray to the Lord.

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

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

People **For your mercy is great.**

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

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

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

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

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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

Silence.

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

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

THE PEACE

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

There is a green hill far away

Herbert Sumsion (1899–1995)

Sung by the choir.

There is a green hill far away, without a city wall,
where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell, what pains he had to bear;
but we believe it was for us he hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven, he died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his precious blood.

There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin;
he only could unlock the gate of heav'n, and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has he loved, and we must love him too,
and trust in his redeeming blood, and try his works to do.

—*Cecil Francis Alexander (1818–1895)*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Please stand 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.

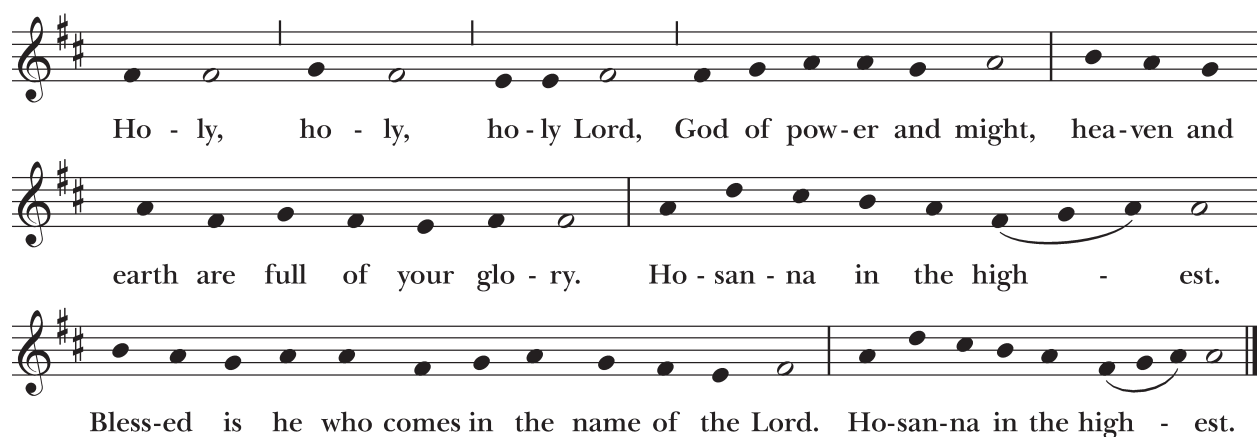
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (S-124) *Sung by all.*

David Hurd (b. 1950)



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

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

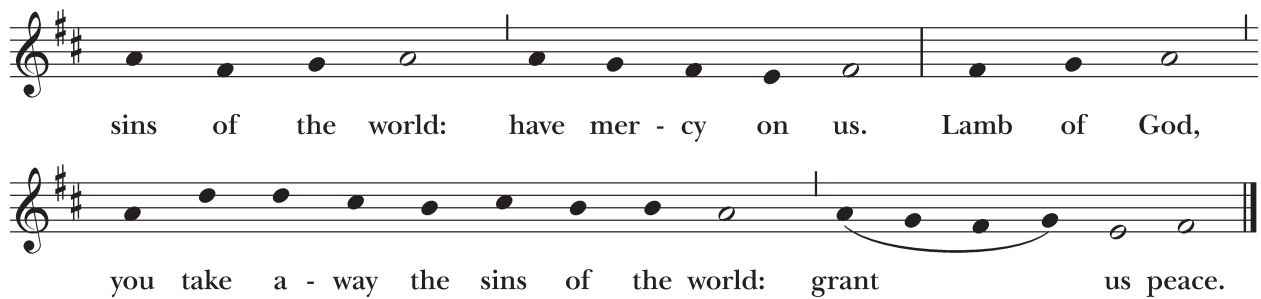
Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM (S-161) *Sung by all.*

David Hurd

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



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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM

God so loved the world

John Stainer (1840–1901)

Sung by the choir.

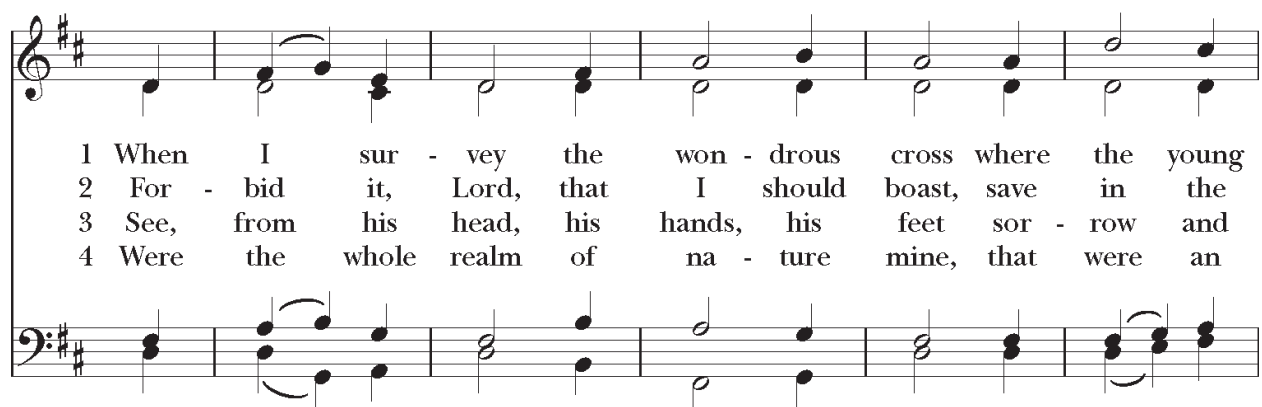
God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

—John 3:16, 17

HYMN 474

When I survey the wondrous cross

Sung by all, seated.



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: Rockingham, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807)

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.

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.**

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

Luke 22:14–23:56

Please be seated.

When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!” Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

“You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

“Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” And he said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!” Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.”

He said to them, “When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?” They said, “No, not a thing.” He said to them, “But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, ‘And he was counted among the lawless’; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.” They said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.” He replied, “It is enough.”

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.” Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.” Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, “Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?” When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, “Lord, should we strike with the sword?” Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief

priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" They kept heaping many other insults on him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He said to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together,

Crowd "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

Crowd "Crucify, crucify him!"

A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.” But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

Please stand as you are able.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.” And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

A period of silence is observed.



My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -
 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di - vine: ne -

to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then
 ver was love, dear King, ne - ver was grief - like thine. This

who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could glad - ly spend.

Words: Samuel Crossman (1624–1683), alt. Music: *Love Unknown*, John Ireland (1879–1962).

All depart in silence.

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

and in memory of Diane Spaulding.

ASSISTING AT THE 9 A.M. SERVICE

Gil Hoffer, *Trumpet*

Mark Cardwell, *Crucifer* ♦ Sandra Hackworth and Jack Reiffer, *Chalice Bearers*

Alfred Thesmar, *Assistant Head Usher* ♦ Julia Koster and Patricia Leslie, *Ushers*

Eleanor Odom and Peter Odom, *Greeters*

Zach Schutz and Adelle Simmons, *Flower Guild*

PASSION READERS

Julia Koster, *Luke (Narrator)* ♦ Kingsley Afemikhe, *Jesus* ♦ David Trebing, *Pontius Pilate*

Kate Benner, *Peter* ♦ Amy Whitworth, *Servant Girl, Soldiers, Centurion*

Martha Ellison, *Accuser 1, Criminal 1* ♦ Elizabeth Morrison, *Accuser 2, Criminal 2*

Parish Choir, *The Assembly*

ASSISTING AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE

Gil Hoffer, *Trumpet*

Paul Barkett, *Crucifer* ♦ Gloria Burkhardt and Cooper Thesmar, *Acolytes*

Debby Hailey and Matthew Taylor, *Chalice Bearers*

Linda Chen, Claire Kim, Jess Unger, and Karen Zachary, *Ushers*

John Lucio and Marty Williams, *Greeters*

Zach Schutz and Adelle Simmons, *Flower Guild* ♦ Jeremy Skog, *Livestream Technician*

PASSION READERS

Andrew Clarke, *Luke (Narrator)* ♦ Chris Jansen, *Jesus* ♦ Brian Schoeneman, *Pontius Pilate*

Krista Bradley, *Peter* ♦ Beth DuMond, *Servant Girl, Soldiers, Centurion*

Powell Hutton, *Accuser 1, Criminal 1* ♦ Kevin Cordova-Brookey, *Accuser 2, Criminal 2*

St. John's Choir, *The Assembly*

Please help us be good stewards of the environment.

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

ARE YOU NEW TO ST. JOHN'S?

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

Announcements for the Week of April 13

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S



- 8 a.m. Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms—
Sermon by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell
Parish Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 8:30 a.m. Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m.
(Parish House Second Floor)
- 9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms
and Passion Reading—Sermon by the Rev.
Sarah Akes-Cardwell
- 10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,
or Parish House First Floor)
Adult Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor)
St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms
and Passion Reading—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)

EASTER LILY DELIVERY

We are asking for your help today

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



Members of the Latrobe Young Adult Fellowship viewing the cherry blossoms this spring. See page 3 for their next gathering.

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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Monday, April 14—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Tuesday, April 15—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK—April 16

Choral Evensong at 5:30 p.m. with reception following

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



MAUNDY THURSDAY—April 17

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

GOOD FRIDAY—April 18

- Noon Good Friday Service with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

EASTER DAY—April 20—The Rev. Rob Fisher, Preacher

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, April 14

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

Tuesday, April 15

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

Wednesday, April 16

10 a.m. Staff Meeting (Togo West Parlor)

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

Thursday, April 17—Maundy Thursday

Service schedule listed at left.

4:30 p.m. St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 18—Good Friday

Service schedule listed at left.

Saturday, April 19

10:30 a.m. Grace's Table (Offsite; see below)

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, April 21 and 22.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

GRACE'S TABLE

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

Upcoming Dates: April 19 and May 17

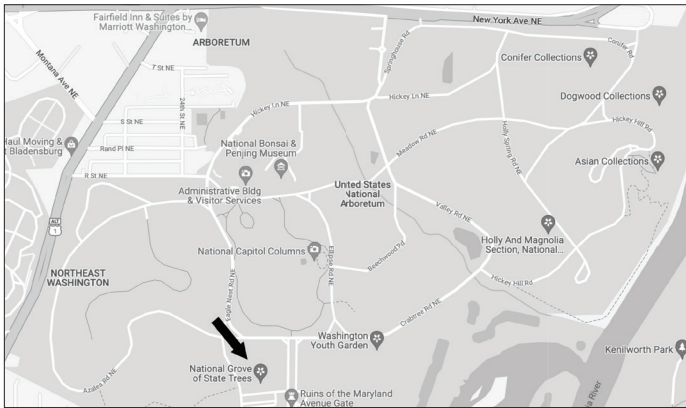
Grace's Table is an outreach partnership between St. John's and Grace Episcopal Church in Georgetown. Every third Saturday of the month, a group from St. John's prepares and serves a meal at Grace to folks who are unhoused or at risk of losing their housing. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other St. John's parishioners and to spread God's loving kindness in our community. Contact leader Elizabeth Field using the Connect: Ministry Directory tab of our website with questions or to volunteer.

NATIONAL ARBORETUM AZALEA WALK

Saturday, April 26, at 10 a.m.

All ages are welcome on a walk through the azaleas at the National Arboretum, which are projected to be in peak bloom, followed by a celebration of the Eucharist. We will

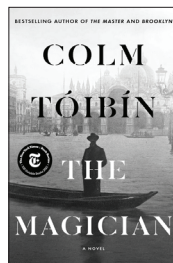
gather at the Grove of State Trees parking lot (see map). Enter the arboretum from New York Avenue, and allow extra time for possible slow traffic. Walking shoes, hats, and water bottles are encouraged, and there are picnic tables if you'd like to bring food. For more information and to RSVP or request a ride, contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab of our website. Please include your cell phone number so we can contact you as needed.



ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

Thursday, May 1, at 7 p.m.

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



SPRING NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

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

St. John's will recognize new members of our community during worship on Sunday, May 4, at 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.

LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

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

The Latrobe Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We typically gather at St. John's at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for a short worship service followed by an activity, but in May we will gather at St. Albans (3001 Wisconsin Avenue,

NW) for a rooftop service and the chance to enjoy the Bishop's Garden. For more information, contact the Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey, our minister for youth and young adults, via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

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. 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 is also available via livestream on our website.

SPEAKER SERIES

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

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



April 27: The Increasing Threat of Microplastics. How are microplastics affecting DC waterways and drinking water? And what can we do about them 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, Senior Fellow, American Immigration Council, will present “Current Policies Impacting Immigrants, Refugees, and Service Providers.”

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

PLEDGING AT ST. JOHN’S

As of Wednesday, April 9, we had received 297 pledges for a total of \$1,170,482.

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

RECOGNIZING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Submit names by Sunday, May 4

Each spring, St. John’s recognizes parishioners graduating high school seniors. This year, we will recognize them 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.

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.

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 13* No Lunch: Palm Sunday
- April 20* No Lunch: Easter Day
- April 27* Kwasa
- May 4* New Member Reception: All welcome
- May 11* No Lunch: Mothers Day
- May 18* Youth Group
- May 25* No Lunch: Memorial Day Weekend
- June 1* St. John’s Pride
- June 8* Pentecost Party



BAPTISMS

If you are interested in baptism for yourself or for a child, please contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website. Please note that the parents or grandparents of children being baptized must be active, pledging members of St. John’s. Adults interested in baptism must also attend an Adult Inquirers’ Class (see page 3), offered twice a year, and be active, pledging participants in the life of the parish. Upcoming dates for baptism and required pre-baptismal classes with the clergy at St. John’s include:

Sunday, April 27, at 11 a.m.

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

Sunday, June 8, at 9 a.m.

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

Sunday, November 2, at 9 a.m.

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

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.

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.

CHORISTER PROGRAM

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

REMINDERS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10 a.m.

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

FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

MAKE A PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

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



ONLINE OFFERINGS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS

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



JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP

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

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

LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

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



LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

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

PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

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

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

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING, OR GRIEVING

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

Friends and family of our parish: Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Gisela Block (Sigi Block), Cliff Christians (Jack Reiffer), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Sue Edmonds (Sarah and Jeff Agnew), Bob and Heather Gilbert (Andrea Winchell), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Mark Hallett (Livy More), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Charlotte Crowley Junilla (Margo Arnold), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Lisa Nestor (Sarah Wood), Patrick Christopher O’Donnell (Wendy J. Fibison), Paul Peralta (Debby Hailey), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Leo S. (Wendy J. Fibison), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Geri Shapiro (Jordan Baugh), Louise

Shaughnessy (Sarah Wood), Pam Snyder (Sarah Agnew), Patsy Swain (Margo Arnold), Sallie and William Wilkie Thompson (Cecelia Thompson), Ashley Smith Thomson (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), Reuben Varghese (Krista and Larry Bradley), John Walsten (Emily and John Lucio), Richard Waycott (Louisa Waycott), Darrel Williams (Caleb and James Reilly), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), Andrew Woods (Johnathan Miller), and Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart).

THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

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

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

THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

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

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

From our parish: Jack Kinsey, April 7.

Friends and family of our parish: Ann McClellan, March 20 (Frances Stevenson Tyler).

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Lee Azzarello, Andrea Charters, Grace Corcoran, Martha Ellison, Lilly Elmore, Elizabeth Field, Christopher Gardner, Kristie Hansen, Carolyn Harris, Caleb Hays, Bill Josey, Hugh Kieve, Shawn Maher, Lincoln Oster, Will Simonds, Cecily Stewart, and Sarah Wood.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

Paul Bledsoe and Celia Boddington, Emorie Broemel and Phil Swartzfager, and Chuck and Lilibet Hagel.

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).



GIVE OR RECEIVE SUPPORT RELATED TO RECENT FEDERAL LAYOFFS

Many in our parish have been affected by the recent layoff of federal workers. Some have already lost their jobs, and some are in fear of losing their jobs. Many of our fellow congregants are seeing their lives and livelihoods turned upside down, and in some cases seeing their life's work dismantled. This not only affects federal workers themselves but also those whose work is closely related to the federal government.

Many among us, also, have expressed an interest in offering care and tangible support for those who are being impacted. Fortunately, St. John's is full of gifted individuals who have skill sets that might be of use to those who are suddenly finding themselves out of work. We also have the potential to simply offer needed support and prayerful community to lift up those who are bearing a heavy burden.

Given that there are many potential forms this help might take, we have created a simple survey that you can access online at bit.ly/sjc-assistance-survey. This survey is for both those interested in receiving support and offering it. We will take what we learn from your answers to guide how we make a way for parishioners to be of help to one another. I am grateful to lay leader Jordan Baugh who is stepping up to be the point person in this effort.

As I have said many times, one of the holy currencies of St. John's—and of many who call Washington, DC, and the DMV their home—is a spirit of service. People have chosen to make their lives and careers here grounded in serving country and neighbor. Doing so in the best sense is both civic and sacred. Even those who do not have jobs defined as “service” are, by being part of this greater community, only one step away from acts of profound service. It is a holy thing to serve beyond one's self.

Now is a chance for us to serve one another. In doing so, we will serve those who serve.

God's peace,

Rob+

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*

Head Usher—James H. Czerwonky

Head Greeters—Eleanor and Peter Odom

Heads of Flower Guild

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

Worship & Program Staff

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

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

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

Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

Lyn Loewi, *Associate Organist*

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

Staff

Preston Cherouny, *Chief Operating Officer*

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Executive Assistant to the Rector

Javier Obregon, *Sexton*

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

Anne Stone, *Publications*

ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT

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

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